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Gillard Thompson, chairman of the committee in charge of the excursion, said on Monday that his members had on hand the full amount necessary to insure the special rate that will prevail for Monarch's trip.

As a prelude to the excursion, the lodge, under the direction of its exalted ruler, S. T. Saxon, will be host Friday night at a fish fry, Southern style, with corn bread. The train will stop at Newark on Sunday fifteen minutes after it leaves New York. This is by special request of New Jersey Elks.

LIL' NAPOLEON REELECTED BY LARGE MARGIN

Vote of 443-29 Called Fraudulent and "Phoney"

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The vote showed 443 for Wilson and only 29 against him.

Wilson had won again, following an eloquent motion to re-elect him by Judge D. C. Hueston, Washington, D. C., commissioner of education, and which was seconded quite as eloquently by the Rev. Lorenzo H. King, pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church, Edgecombe avenue and Florence Brooks square, and a member of Simons' Manhattan Lodge.

Simons Takes a Walk.

Keeping his threat not to stand for steam-rollering, Simons led his powers and sympathizers out of the convention hall as soon as the vote had been declared, charging at the same time that the convention had been packed and that "phonies" were present everywhere.

The election was fraudulent, he declared, and inferred that he would keep his promise to take the matter to court, although he would make no definite statement on this score.

This idea of court action was laughed down by legal minds attending the convention, but when last seen by The Amsterdam News reporter, Simons was in a huddle with William T. Andrews, asemblyman and lawyer.

Judge Armond Scott, of the District of Columbia Municipal Bench, nominated Simons, while on the other side of the house another judge, Magistrate Edward W. Henry, seconded the nomination of Mr. Wilson. Incidentally, the two jurists are brothers in the bond of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, but on this occasion they went their separate paths.

As the election time arrived Wednesday, Mr. Wilson kept his seat as presiding officer. He overruled a motion to re-elect him by acclamation, then listened to the motion putting him in nomination. He was in the chair, too, when he was re-elected 15-1.

As the house was being counted, Ed. Simons tried to get recognition from the chair, but to no avail, he appealed and appealed, but he was not recognized. When Wilson was declared elected, Simons took his walk.

Wilson Made Gesture.

A concession towards liberality was made by Mr. Wilson when he refused re-election by acclamation, since in some years he has allowed "by acclamation" to be the order of election.

An attempt to bring Simons in line was also made on Monday when Manhattan Lodge, No. 45, headed by Simons, and which was previously declared suspended, was reinstated. This suspension, over alleged lapse of grand lodge taxes, was the first move made to deflate Simons.

Women Deadlocked

While the Brother Elks carried on at St. Peter Claver's Auditorium, the daughters were holding as hot sessions at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Grand avenue and Lefferts place, Brooklyn, where Mrs. Edna L. Haynes, of New York's Manhattan Temple, was seeking the highest office against Mrs. Abbie M. Johnson, Philadelphia, the present grand daughter ruler.

Rumors Fruitless.

Rumors that Simons was being backed by the Democratic Party in order to supplant the influences of Finley Wilson, ardent Republican and an aspirant to be Harlem's first congressman, did not become decisive. Assemblyman Andrews: Dr. Wiliam L. Thompkins, recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia, Democratic leader, and Dr. L. K. Williams, chief Negro functionary for the Republicans, were very much present at the sessions, but no partisan politics has yet descended on the assembled delegates.

Monday night, about two days before the election, Mr. Wilson jokingly declared in one of his speeches that he knows how to take care of his friends, and that he allows his colleagues to run their departments once they are put in charge. This policy is credited most with his re-election, not only this year, but also in the past.

Blondie Brown Advanced.

In the taking care process, Attorney Roy Bond, Baltimore, an Elk in a big way, was named grand esteemed leading knight, an office second only to that of the grand exalted ruler, and also sought after by Joseph A. Brown, exalted ruler of New York's Imperial Lodge.

Mr. Brown was named to succeed Attorney Bond as grand loyal knight, and Dr. Mark Wheatland, Camden, N. J., was given Brown's job as grand lecturing knight.

The office, which was filled by Attorney Bond became vacant by the recent death of Dr. S. H. George of Kentucky.

James E. Kelley, Birmingham, Ala., grand secretary, and Judge Edward W. Henry, grand treasurer, were both re-elected to office to serve in the cabinet of Mr. Wilson.

To boost his stock prior to re-election, Mr. Wilson recalled that under his regime, the first Elks lodge had been set up in Cuba, as well as lodges in Mexico and the islands of the sea. He displayed a telegram, also, showing that on Monday, the newest lodge of the order had been established in Johannesburg, South Africa, with four thousand members. In the parade another recent arrival to Elkdom marched over 1,000 strong —Spanish speaking Harlemites whooping it up for the Lil' Napoleon.

The convention opened officially Tuesday morning, but from Friday Elk business has been going on, beginning with the educational and economic congress under the auspices of Judge Hueston and his educational commission. Sunday, Emory R. Smith, Washington, pastor and lawyer, delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduates of the Elks educational department, and Monday, the department had a sunrise meeting.

Monday afternoon, leading public officials, including the governor and the mayor, greeted the visitors, and in the evening, the national oratorical contest took place.

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Elks Will Go To Cleveland For Next Session

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BROOKLYN, N. Y. — Thursday afternoon's session of the Grand Temple of Daughter Elks at Mt. Carmel Church, Grand Avenue and Lefferts Place, last week was thrown into major confusion as balloting began in the bitterly contested re-election of Grand Daughter Ruler, Abbie Johnson of Philadelphia, who was opposed by Mrs. Edna Haynes of New York, former vice grand daughter ruler. The latter risked her position to oppose Mrs. Johnson for the highest post n lady Elkdom.

Daughter Effie Stewart of Washington and Daughter Lethia Fleming of Cleveland ran a close race for the post of Grand Temple Escort. Daughter Stewart was re-elected to the post, although Mrs. Fleming was said to have had Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie Johnson's backing.

Mrs. Rose Blocker of New York failed to push her candidacy for the Grand Daughter Ruler post against Mrs. Johnson.

The decision was made on Thursday also by the Grand Lodge to meet next year in Cleveland, the guest of the Pride of Ohio Lodge. Norfolk, Va., and Philadelphia had both submitted bids, but the majority opinion favored Cleveland.

MISS KELLEY REELECTED

The Daughter Elks finished their elections Friday amid peace and quiet, Daughter Buena Kelley of Norfolk being reelected by acclamation as financial secretary.

The Grand Lodge also finished its elections Thursday, although most of the officers had been named Wednesday.

Two calls were sent in for police on Thursday, intense excitement raged in the church, a bodyguard had to be placed around the Grand Daughter Ruler, and J. Finley Wilson, hurriedly summoned to preside at the election, just managed to declare Mrs. Johnson the victor and sojourn the meeting when an angry delegation of New York Elks threatened him in the mistaken belief that Daughter Haynes was not getting a square deal.

The trouble began when the house was polled and a total of 488 votes was announced. But 44 other delegates were not in the church at the time the balloting began. They were outside on the streets and when they learned the election was on they hurried back to cast their votes some time after the house had been polled.

VOTE COUNT CHALLENGED

Thus when the votes were counted and the totals announced it appeared that there were 44 more votes in the house than had been polled. On the basis of this apparent discrepancy, Mrs. Haynes charged illegal voting. She took her stand on the floor and excitedly walked up and down the aisles calling the vote false and launching a verbal attack on the Grand Daughter Ruler.

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Wilson, the dynamic Mr Napoleon of the Elks, crushed the movement to oust him from office and replace him with Edward W. Simons, exalted ruler of the Manhattan lodge, No. 45, by suspending the lodge because of non-payment of dues. With his lodge ex-communicated, Simons was not eligible to run against "the grand."

Officers Elected

Other officers elected were Roy Bond of Baltimore, leading knight; Joseph Brown of New York, loyal knight; Dr. Marcus Wheatland of Camden, N. J., lecturing knight; Edward W. Henry, treasurer; James E. Kelly, secretary; W. C. Hueston, commisisoner of education; John Freeman of Philadelphia, grand trustee.

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William C. Hueston, commissioner of education, made the principal address at the session on Tuesday. Raymond Ingersoll, president of the borough of Brooklyn, and Congressman Emmanuel Celler welcomed the convention here.

The formal welcome program was held Monday, August 24, at the Alexander Hamilton high school. Governor Herbert E. Lehman made the welcome address. He urged the break down of racial and religious barriers.

Other speakers during the week were Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune of the Bethune-Cookman college; Roscoe Conkling Simmons, Perry Howard, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia and others.

RESULTS ANNOUNCED

When the results of the vote were announced first, Daughter Johnson was credited with 417 votes and Daughter Haynes with 115. This revealed the total vote of 532 which was 44 votes in excess of the polled total of 488.

When J. Finley Wilson was called and presided, the final vote was announced as 373 to 159, favoring Mrs. Johnson.

Daughter Haynes, who formerly held the post of Grand Vice Daughter Ruler, lost that too due to her candidacy for the supreme post of the order.

Daughter Ella Piper of Florida was elected assistant vice grand daughter ruler; Dts. Lucy Dorsey of Conn., grand esquire; Margaret E. Stout of New York, grand espire; Lula Murray of Los Angeles, doorkeeper; Ida Patty of Richmond, doorkeeper; Maude Brooks, of Jersey City; Emily Vingo and Viola Fisher, grand trustees; Sadie Bailey of Detroit, organizer; Minnie T. Wright of Boston, director of the National Educational Association; Edith Charleston of Philadelphia, assistant; Clara E. Webster, director arts and crafts; Margaret Banks of Chicago, assistant; and Daisy Henson, grand marshall for the juveniles.

SESSIONS ENDS

The 37th annual Grand Lodge of Elks ended at noon Saturday with the Old Guard better entrenched than ever in the controlling offices.

WILSON RE-ELECTED ELK HEAD AS HIS OPPONENT THREATENS IMMEDIATE COURT INJUNCTION

BROOKLYN, N. Y., (ANP)— Serious opposition of the faction led by Edward W. Simons exalted ruler of Manhattan Lodge No. 45 to Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson of the I.B.P.O.E. of W.proved a dud last week as the "little Napoleon" was returned to office Wednesday by an overwhelming vote of 443 to 29.

But although Simons was thwarted in his dream of ascending to the highest throne of Elkdom, e is not through. Simons announced immediately after the election that he would take the matter to court and attempt to secure an injunction. He led his delegation from the floor of the convention after declaring "dummies" scattered throughout the assemblage had returned Wilson to office illegally.

Except for the Simon's affair harmony has seemingly prevailed at this convention which attracted several hundred delegates and thousand of friends. The parade as usual, was one of the major attractions.

The report of the two-day economic conference was well received as the convention got under way at St. Peter Claver auditorium Tuesday morning. Wilson and Grand Commissioner of Education William C. Houston, read well-received reports. Houston urged an economic set-up in which every lodge and temple would solve the problem of supporting Negro-owned business and decreasing the race's amazingly high illiterary rate in some localities.

Distinguished white speakers who addressed Elk meetings included Governor Lehman, Mayor LaGuardia and Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll. They promised official cooperation in breaking down the barriers of religious and race hatred.

Governor Lehman received a tremendous ovation when he said it was the duty of all fraternal organizations to break down such barriers and added, "It is the practicing, not the preaching, of the brotherhood of man that is needed. We are doing everything we possibly can in this state to eliminate those prejudices. Our democracy rests on those principles. Every loyal American must work toward this end."

"No one can say that my administration treats the Negro unfairly", said Mayor LaGuardia. "We hire men because of their competence, not because they have black skins or blue eyes."

The active presence here of Dr. L. K. Williams. head of the colored Voter's division of the Republican National Committee, and of Dr William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds in Washington and a kingpin Democrat, gave the sessions a slight political tinge.

Just before the convention a report of findings was adopted by the meeting aimed to refute statements current in political circles that the Negro vote can be bought relief or other measures.

This resolution said, in part:

"The Negro, as a general proposition has received scant attention in his particular problem. Studiously neglected politically for a generation, he now looms large on the horizon. We are aware of scant attention to our plight in platform lodges of former platforms. We refuse to be fooled any longer by empty phrases and we shall not forget broken promises.

"We are determined to ignore meaningless party labels and vote for men and measures which mean most to the greater number. We shall strive to use the power now within our grasp intelligently and independently in those states where the Negro vote is potentially the balance of power to the end that full and complete enfranchisement be accorded all citizens in those states where the Negro is now effectively disfranchised."

On Friday afternoon the sessions were taken over mainly by the Daughter Elks, also in convention here. Mrs. Minnie T. Wright, of Boston, rhairman of education, presided at the meeting. Discussions were led by Dr. Martha A. Clarke of Philadelphia a grand deputy of Pennsylvania

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Elks.

NEGRO AID PLEDGED BY LEHMAN, MAYOR

Both Promise Cooperation in Breaking Racial Barriers at Session of 2,500 Elks.

RELIEF SYSTEM DEFENDED

La Guardia Holds Government Agencies Essential—Pledge by Ingersoll Heard.

Governor Lehman, Mayor La Guardia and Borough President Raymond V. Ingersoll of Brooklyn, speaking yesterday afternoon at the annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Negro, promised the cooperation of State, city and borough officials in breaking down the barriers of religious and racial hatred.

About 2,500 Negroes attended the meeting at the Alexander Hamilton High School of Commerce, Albany Avenue and Bergen Street, Brooklyn.

"The duty of all fraternal organizations is to attempt to break down racial and religious barriers," said Governor Lehman.

"It is the practicing, not the preaching, of the brotherhood of man that is needed. We are doing everything we possibly can in this State to eliminate those prejudices. Our democracy rests on these principles. Every loyal American must work to this end.

Sees Spirit of Good-Will

"We often hear it said that the United States places material advantages above spiritual ones. But I am confident that no nation shows more idealism and a greater spirit of good-will. It is axiomatic, however, that if you want a good government you have to fight a little to get it.

"Very few persons take an interest in government matters. They should, for a good government requires an intelligent public. There is nothing more discouraging to a public official than indifference to what he and his assistants are trying to do.

"I am certain that a conscientious public official is willing to work to his utmost, if he has his public behind him."

Governor Lehman's references to the need of doing away with religious and racial barriers were greeted by applause that lasted for two or three minutes.

Mayor La Guardia promised the full cooperation of the city authorities in taking care of the 1,500 out-of-town persons attending the convention, which will continue all week.

"No one can say that my administration treats the Negro unfairly," the Mayor said. "We hire men because of their competence, not because they have black skins or blue eyes.

Mayor Asks Uniform Laws

"What we need is a uniform system of laws in each State. We have child labor laws here, but there is nothing to prevent the children from being sent to some Southern State where there is no child labor law.

"I get impatient when I hear persons ridicule the State and city government for taking a hand in relief. There was a time when private agencies could handle it, but they are unable to now. All men willing to work should be given jobs. It will take some time. In the meantime those unable to get work should be kept on relief.

"We should fix the hours of labor in accordance with the employment in the country. Cut working hours to the extent that all men willing to work will have jobs. This would be cheaper for us than spending millions each month, as we do, for those on relief.

"We should have national unemployment insurance to take care of the old. What we need is less politics and more economics; less hatred and more love."

Mr. Ingersoll promised the full cooperation of the borough in aiding "the man who is discriminated against."

Thomas L. Higgins, assistant commissioner of education of the lodge, presided. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, said the Negro was still being persecuted in the South as in Civil War days. Mr. Wilson is being opposed for reelection by Ed Simion, Grand Trustee of the lodge.

The Elks' Parade—for What?

Twenty thousand Elks paraded four hours over a ten-mile route in Brooklyn, last Tuesday, in a half million dollar demonstration of their loyalty to a fraternal order; one hundred thousand persons lined the sidewalks.

Next May a $5,000,000 coronation procession will wind through six miles of London streets to prove the Englishman's loyalty to new King Edward.

The Elks' parade is undoubtedly the biggest annual spectacle we have. Its ninety-five bands and scores of fife, bugle and drum corps, leading beautifully uniformed marching units, are enough to delight the eye of those who love a parade.

Watching these costly demonstrations from year to year must cause some people to wonder why they are not used also for some useful as well as artistic and recreational purpose.

There is, for instance, propaganda, and who needs that more than we? Suppose, for example, the Elks' theme for this year were: "A ballot in the hand of every American without regard to race." Suppose that floats, banners and pamphlets had flooded Brooklyn towards this end.

Next year could be a "Free Herndon" or a "Free the Scottsboro Boys" parade; 1938 might be "A Schoolhouse for Every Child" parade; 1939, a "Down With the Color Line in Industry" parade.

We wonder whether the antlered hosts couldn't have just as good a time if they hitched their big show up to something practical.

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General Accepted Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity.

Pick Lawrence as Worthy Superior

RICHMOND—J. D. Lawrence, Washington, D. C., was elected worthy superior of the General Accepted Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity at the seventy-third annual session of District Grand Tabernacle No. 2, which closed at the Sharon Baptist Church, Friday.

Other officers chosen were:

J. B. Stewart, Salisbury, Md., deputy worthy superior; Mrs. Fannie James, Richmond, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lula Elliott, Churchland, Va., vice guardian; Mrs. Jessie Burnett, Washington, recording secretary; Dr. A. A. Tennant, Richmond, medical advisor and Mrs. India Baker, Richmond, jjuvenile guardian.

The district grand directors are: J. L. Callender, Clifton Forge; G. L. Tate, Staunton; E. W. Gould, Norfolk; Lee Trent, Baltimore; Mrs. Julia Langston, Salisbury; Charles H. Pinkett, Salisbury; Mrs. Julia Pitt, Churchland, and S. T. Smith, Hampton, Va.

$20,000 Cash Reported

The secretary-treasurer reported a total of 46 Tabernacles and 18 Chapters with 2,000 members scattered throughout District No. 2, which includes: Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Delaware. Six new tabernacles and six new chapters were organized during the past year. The order has a cash balance of more than $21,000, and is free of indebtedness, with all death claims paid up.

The headquarters are located here at 111 E. Leigh Street. The next nnual session will be held in Salisbury, in June 1937.

The committee on arrangements which handle the Richmond convention were: Miss Gladys I. Hill, chairman of program committee; Mrs. H. L. Richardson, housing committee; Mrs. Emma Watson, banquet committee; Mrs. Selena White, social committee; Mrs. Mary Hopson, decoration committee and the Rev. Walter White sightseeing committee.

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Grand United Order of Tents.

Tents To Meet In Wilmington N. C. Next Year

62nd Annual Session Reveals Assets of $225,000

Special to Journal and Guide

DANVILLE, Va.—With 275 new delegates in attendance, all officers reelected for the year, and a treasurer's report showing assets of $225,000, the sixty-second annual session of the Grand United Order of Tents of the J. R. G. of J. U. of the Southern District was brought to a close here last week.

The sessions which began on Tuesday and ended Thursday night, were presided over by Mrs. A. M. Ward of Norfolk, president and secretary of the order, and were held at the Loyal Baptist Church, the Rev. E. N. Hawk, pastor.

The next annual meeting beginning on the fourth Tuesday in May 1937 will be held in Wilmington, N. C. Other cities putting in unsuccessful bids to entertain the fraternity were Newport News, Va., and Rocky Mount, N. C. The election of officers at the Wednesday afternoon session again elevated Mrs. Ward to the presidency of the order.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Annette H. Richter, Norfolk, grand corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jane E. Casper, Norfolk, treasurer, adult department; Mrs. Victoria Moore, Norfolk, treasurer, juvenile department; Mrs. Mary G. Goode, Danville, first vice president; Mrs. Emily G. Chambers, Richmond, second vice president.

The executive board composed of nine members from widely separated areas, was likewise reelected. The president's annual address was delivered at the Wednesday afternoon session, as was also the report of the treasurer showing assets of the order to be $225,947.71.

At the welcome meeting on Tuesday night welcomes were extended on behalf of the City of Danville, business and professional interests of the city, fraternal organizations and churches. The response to the welcome addresses was made by Mrs. Richter.

Other numbers on the program included, selections by the Westmoreland High School Glee Club under the direction of Prof. E. A. Gibson and Miss L. W. Lowe, who rendered choice music.

The annual meeting of the juvenile department was held on Thursday afternoon and was followed at night by a program at which the officers were installed.

Gold medals were awarded Mrs. Esdelia Boyd representing the Buds of Unity, and Mrs. Vetie B. Coleman from the Daughters of Tabithia Tent, for meritorious work in Danville.

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Imperial Order of King David

Order Of King David — 1,400 New Members

Assets Now More Than $21,000; Claims Are Paid Up

Staff Correspondence

ORANGE, Va.—The 24th annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Imperial Order of King David was held here this week in Emanuel and Naxareth Baptist Churches. More than 500 delegates and visitors attended.

A parade, in which 800 uniformed members, headed by the band from the Virginia Manual Labor School of Boys at Hanover, marched through the principal streets of the town. Boswell Lodge No. 81, with its marching club, won the banner for the group having the largest number for the parade.

Mrs. Adelaide G. Taylor, founder and grand worthy ruler of the order, stated in her report that more than 1,400 members were added during the past year. The record also showed that 114 death claims had been paid and that there were no unpaid claims in the office.

The report of Miss Mary M. Scott, grand worthy secretary, showed that the organization's assets had grown to more than $21,000 and that its endowment and general fund collections were on the increase.

The public session was addressed by the mayor, town manager, and superintendent of schools of Orange. Local arrangements were in charge of Sergeant Maphis, head ofthe sponsoring committee.

A play, "Flesh and Blood," was successfully presented at Nazareth Baptist Church Tuesday night by a juvenile cast from Richmond under direction of Mrs. Hattie Williams Harris of the home office.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected for the new term: Mrs. Adelaide G. Taylor, grand worthy ruler, Richmond; the Rev. W. H. Ford, first vice ruler, Ashland; Mrs. Martha A. Thompson, second vice ruler Mattoax; Miss Mary M. Scott, secretary, Richmond; Miss Sallie Cowan, assistant secretary, Richmond; James H. Ellis, treasurer, Partlow; the Rev. Frank Dixon, patron, Manakin; R. J. Overton, captain, Vigor; Mrs. Edmonia Hayes, Amelia; Mrs. Elizabeth Pearsall, Richmond; Mrs. Harriet Blunt, Richmond; Mrs. Sallie Ruffin, Richmond, guards; Mrs. Mary J. Peters, G.W.R.M., Richmond; the Rev. R. L. Harrison, lecturer, Gordonsville; and Miss Ruth Carter, musician, Richmond.

Board of regents—R. H. Green, Trevilians; J. R. Beverly, Ruthers Glen; W. A. Twigg, Ruthers Glen; Mrs. Emma D. Tunstall, Peake; Mrs. Eva Lena Davis, Golansville; Miss Sallie Cowan, Richmond; Mrs. Clara Ellis, Partlow; Mrs. Mary Randolph, Richmond; James Lewis, Jr., Louisa; Mrs. A. G. Thompson-Taylor, Richmond; and Mrs. Mary M. Scott, Richmond.

Secret Societies—1936 Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics

SCOTTISH MECHANICS CLOSE 5-DAY SESSION, HEAR GRAND OFFICERS

Fifteen Lodges in United States and Canada Hold First Joint Session as They Get First Visitation From Scotland

The Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics culminated its first annual session here with an elaborate banquet Tuesday night at the Congress Casino, 168 West 132d street, at which time W. M. McKenzie, grand master, and Robert Williamson, grand secretary, both of Scotland, were the honored guests.

This is the first time in the history of the 22-year-old organization that the two highest officers have ever visited the subordinate affiliated lodges. Leaving Wednesday for Bermuda, Messrs. McKenzie and Williamson will also visit affiliated lodges in Honduras, Trinidad and Jamaica before they return to their native shores.

The principal speaker at the banquet was Bishop J. W. Brown, former pastor of Mother A. M. E. Zion Church here, who declared that there can be no true brotherhood when some men are kept down.

Bishop Stresses Unity.

"If you want to see the strength of solidarity, if you want to see the strength of real unity," he said, "look about you tonight. This is the way to progress."

Other speakers were Paul Moss, commissioner of licenses for New York City, who represented Mayor LaGuardia; Gerald Shepherd, acting British consul-general in New York, who explained that England lifted sanctions against Italy because she feared if she did otherwise another disastrous war would be precipitated.

Also James S. Watson, Assemblyman William T. Andrews, Alderman Eustace V. Dench; D. Campbell, who represented J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, who was unable to be present; Henry A. Toppin; Dr. E. A. Wilkie, district grand master of the Scottish Mechanics; D. N. Thompson, district grand secretary of the organization, and the two honored guests. Lionel Oliver Lawless acted as master of ceremonies.

Daughter Elk Sings.

During the banquet Mrs. Edna Haynes, vice-grand daughter ruler of Elks, sang a spiritual. Autograph seekers besieged the honored guests and speakers after the lengthy program, which lasted until after 2 a.m.

With representatives of thirteen of the fifteen lodges in the United States and Canada present, the five-day session officially opened with the arrival of the grand master and the grand secretary in this country last Friday. The welcome session was held at Congress Casino the following day, at which time Dr. Wilkie greeted the visiting grand officers.

Probably the busiest day during the convention was Sunday, at which time the religious service was held at St. Ambrose P. E. Church, 9 West 130th street, with the rector, Father E. E. Durant, officiating. Others who took part in the service were D. Sampson, T. Richards, D. N. Thompson and Mrs. Haynes. The visiting grand officers were also introduced on that occasion.

Eleven Lodges in City.

On Monday evening the closing grand lodge session was held at Mechanics Temple, 101 West 127th street. The lodge has locals in New York City (eleven), New Haven, Brooklyn and Detroit, one each. There is one local in Canada.

Other district officers are Alex C. Long, deputy grand master; P. Benjamin, senior deacon; Coleridge F. Boyce, grand treasurer; A. E. Francis, grand junior deacon; E. A. Moore, grand tiler; David S. Simpson, grand chaplain; F. W. Williams, assistant to the district grand secretary; C. Mills, A. Peets and R. L. Moore, district grand trustees; B. A. Osborne, senior past district grand master; J. N. Gill, past district grand master.

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Knights of Pythias.
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K. of P.'s Beneficiary Department Shut Down By Supreme Lodge In Special Session Held In Boston

BOSTON, Mass. — Despite the coming of troubled days, the Knights of Pythias, E. and W. H., will not give up, it was decided here a few days ago, as delegates to a special session of the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe assembled to review the financial condition of the two branches of the order and to make plans for the future.

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As a result of the meeting, the supreme beneficiary department of the order was declared closed, and the subordinate lodges and courts were informed to make provisions for death benefits similar to the manner in which they had done prior to 1910 when the supreme department was launched.

It was brought out that from 1909 to the present a sum of $183,000 had been paid out in death benefits and that until the depression not a single claim had been missed or paid less than in full, according to William H. Martin, supreme chancellor of the order.

Active For 27 Years

For twenty-seven years the members of the order had contributed fifteen cents each month to support this department, but a large number of deaths and the depression placed such a great burden on the order that it had to reduce its program decisively Mr. Martin said.

The department was suspended by proclamation on February 21, in a meeting of supreme lodge officers, and this action was ratified in a special session of the Supreme Lodge October 11-14, at which time also, the entire financial position of the knights was studied and appraised. Since February, no dues have been accepted from the subordinate lodges.

The affairs of the Pythian Temple, long a show place in Greater Boston, were found also to have suffered in the depression, as income from rental dwindled and the funds of the order prevented the meeting of obligations. With the recent death of the second mortgagee, Nathan Fritz, the holder of the first mortgage proceeded with foreclosure sale. Mr. Fritz' estate bought in the temple, and thus wiped out the interest of the Supreme Lodge and its members who were noteholders. Since February 21, the ten cents temple tax has been dropped since there was no temple to support.

After much discussion of these financial difficulties ,and after reports showing that the several officers had been "scrupulously honest" in their handling of the order's affairs and that "the conditions prevailing were beyond the control of individuals," the officers were given a clean slate and reelected.

It was the concensus that because not a large enough number of new and young members had been taken in by the order during past years, deaths in recent years were out of proportion to the entire membership of the organizations, and that this situation coupled with general economic conditions was the cause of the unfavorable status of the knights.

Specail Committee Named

A special committee was named to review the auditor's reports and to draw up recommendations for the order. The committee included Mr. Martin, Mrs. Jennie Ross, supreme worthy counsellor, of the Courts of Calanthe, Baltimore; Mrs. Bessie Simmons, supreme worthy associate counsellor, Boston; William H. Willis, New York; J. H. Walden, Boston, supreme trustees; Charles W. Custus, Boston, supreme prelate; George E. Gordon, Boston, supreme keeper of records and seals; Mrs. Alice M. Taylor, Boston, and the Rev. Mr. Link, Chester, Pa.

It was recommended and adopted that the order should confer with all persons holding beneficiary claims against it, and seek an adjustment of the obligation, with the pledge that payment of the claim will be made in the future and an emergency tax of $1 per member levied since February 21, was declared rescinded and discontinued.

It was also recommended and adopted that the special session should be recorded as a regular session and that the next biennial officers since the last convention were also ratified.

W. H. Willis Retires

While all the officers rededicated themselves to begin from scratch and build up the order and to ween the subordinate lodges back to life in the City of New England, the Middle Atlantic States and Florida and South Carolina, regret was expressed over the retirement of one of the officers after holding office in the supreme body for many years. This officer is William H. Willis, businessman of New York City who joined the lodge forty-seven years ago. Mr. Willis was for seventeen years supreme vice-chancellor, and chairman of the trustees since 1029.

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Knight Templars.

Knights Templars in the East Hold Grand Conclave

NEWPORT, R.I.—The fifty-fifth grand conclave of the grand commandery, Knights Templars of the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, was held in Newport, R.I., September 16, with the right eminent grand commander, Joseph G. Le Count of Providence, R.I., presiding.

The reports from the several commanderies of this jurisdiction, and the reports of the several committees, showed that the grand commandery had made marked improvement, and increased its membership and finances during the past twelve months.

A feature of the conclave was the knightly recognition given Grand Prelate Pembroke Powell of Providence, on the celebration of his eighty-ninth birthday.

An asylum of sorrow was held in tribute to the memory of the late past grand commander, Charles Ireland of Springfield, Mass.; Frank Greene of Providence, R.I.; and Sir Brown of Boston.

The grand officers elected and installed for the ensuing year are:

Joseph G. Le Count, Providence, R.I., right eminent grand commander; George H. Berry, Boston, deputy grand commander; William H. Hilton, Newport, grand generalissimo; George E. Hollvey, Providence, grand captain general; Pembroke Powell, Providence, grand prelate; Jesse Hayes, Boston, grand senior warden;

Henry Randolph, Providence, grand junior warden; Matthew Cole, Boston, grand treasurer; William W. Tolbert, Newport, grand recorder; Charles Wales, E. Providence, grand sword bearer; Charles S. Minor, Newport, grand standard bearer; Edward Moore, Newport, grand warder; Robert E. Minton, Providence, grand sentinel.

The grand conclave in 1937 will be held in Providence, R.I.

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Masons.

Trinidad to Send Masons to Scotland

A delegation of Trinidad Freemasons will go to Scotland this year for the world celebration of the bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dispatches from Port of Spain reveal. 1-11-36

Twenty-six thousand Freemasons from all parts of the world are expected to attend. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, has been chosen grand master, and elaborate ceremonies will be conducted in connection with his installation.

Harry A. Williamson's Masonic Collection Is Given To The New York Public Library

In The New York Age of last week appeared a news item relative to several valuable gifts presented to the New York Public Library, among which was the Harry A. Williamson Masonic Collection.

There were present at the acceptance ceremonies Masons of the White as well as the Negro race, and as this writer listened to the remarks of Arthur A. Schomburg who formally made the presentation, and also to the words of gratitude and appreciation voiced by the officials of the Public Library, there came over him a feeling mixed with pride and pity. Pride, because I had witnessed the dedication of a "Storehouse of Knowledge" where for all time those who are in search of the truth particularly in reference to Freemasonry among Negroes in America might find it. Pity, because of the fact that Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York could have been the recipient of this most rare collection had not those men at the head of its affairs permitted that crab-like jealousy which has been most detrimental to the progress of the race, to do this great student an irreparable wrong.

In spite of the failure of Prince Hall Masons in this State to appreciate his work, Williamson has kept on and on, sacrificing time, money and energy, accumlating information and rare documents, having in mind at all times the justification to the world of the unquestionable right of Negroes to legitmately practice the ancient rites of Freemasonry.

The majority of Negroes in the order spend their time reciting the ritual in parrot like manner and acquiring "Kingfish" titles. Williamson has tried with little or no success to raise his brethren above the claptrap of passwords, grips, regalia, brass bands, and high sounding titles, to the truly honorable principles of the institution. Every effort of his seems to have been rejected by these brethren.

When present day history is written, the name of Harry A. Williamson will be recorded as one of the greatest of Masons. It is a fact that he could have profited by several thousand dollars if he had yielded to the several financial offers made to him by private interests for the purchase of this collection. He stood steadfast, however, preferring to place the wealth of information acquired by him at the disposal of the public.

Once again the scripture has been fulfilled and: "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner." (Matthew 21:42).

A brief digest of what is included in the collection which numbers some twelve hundred (1200) items follows:

WHITE

General Masonic literature including works on Occult Science, Rosicrucian, Astrology, etc., number about 325 items.

Proceedings of American and foreign Grand Lodges—176.

Proceedings of foreign research Lodge, about 35.

Miscellaneous proceedings: Conference of Masonic Librarians and Educators for 1929; Cedar Rapids Masonic Conference, 1918; Masonic Service Association of the United States, 1919; 1920 and 1921.

Magazines: United States, England, Germany, Norway, East India, South Africa, Mexico, Phillipines, New Zealand, Switzerland and Canada. A large number of these contains articles on Negro Masonry by Harry A. Williamson. Complete files of The Builder, published by the National Masonic Research Society, Vol. 1 (1915) to and including the few parts of Vol XVI. (1930), when it suspended. Williamson was one of the few Prince Hall members of that society. Files of the Palmer Templegram published by Henry L. Palmer Lodge No. 301, Milwaukee, Wis., Vol. V. (1924) to and including Vol. XIII. (1930), when it suspended. Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin, Vol. XXVI (1925), to and including the current issue of. Vol. XXXVI (1936).

Autographed: 14 volumes by American and foreign authors containing autographs and testimonials to Williamson.

Phonograph records: Addresses by the late Col. Edward M. L. Ehlers, for many years Grand Secretary of New York who died about 20 years ago.

Constitutions: American and foreign about 18.

Programs and Lodge notices from West Africa.

Photographs: West African Lodge groups: individual Freemasons, American and foreign.

NEGRO (General Literature) . . .

About 28 items which include a copy of The Anglo-African Magazine, New York 1859 (very rare), and the By-Laws of the New York-African Society for Mutual Relief, 1838 (very rare). This society is still in existence.

NEGRO MASONRY

This section contains a total of about 750 items.

Grand Lodge, proceedings, also, Royal Arch, Knights Templars, Eastern Star, etc., about 180, including Scottish Rite volumes.

Magazines: Craft and Eastern Star, published between 1900 and 1932,—25 different periodicals.

Newspapers and general magazines: white and colored, all of which contain articles upon the subject, both American and foreign among which are copies of "The Colored American Magazine" for 1904 and 1905 (very rare).

Medals, regalia, badges, diplomas etc.

Photographs: Masonic Homes, Masonic Temples, Masonic Groups, Masonic Lodges, Masonic Events, Masonic Certificates, African Lodge No. 459 (warrant).

Photostats: warrants, dispensations for Lodges, etc.

Original Warrant of Phoenix Lodge No. 1, belonging to the 29th United States Regiment of Colored Volunteers, 1863. (The only known document of this character in existence)

Grand Lodge Constitutions, 20.

Manuscripts: published and unpublished volumes compiled by Williamson.

Copies of correspondence with white Freemasons, American and foreign, covering the period between 1910 and 1934.

Material for scrapbooks.

Numerous books and pamphlets.

Constructive Endeavor

The Masonic career of Mr. Williamson has been one of constructive endeavor. He has held the following officers in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York: Deputy Grand Lecturer for the Second Masonic District, one year; Grand Historian, 13 years; Grand Secretary 1911-1914; Senior Grand Warden 1915-1918; Deputy Grand Master 1918-1921; Grand Representative of the G. L. State of Connecticut (Prince Hall); Grand Representative of the G. L. State of Nebraska (Prince Hall); Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master of the G. L., State of West Va., (Prince Hall). He is himself an author and his own writings are included in the collection.

The National Trestle Board, a publication of the craft among the caucasian group referred to him in the following language: "there are many masonic students among our own brethren (white) who have had occasion during the past decade to correspond with this Colored brother on matters of masonic history and problems affecting the craft who will speak in his favor as one of the best informed of American Masons, irrespective of color."

When one contrasts the "Most Worshipful Sirs" perched in high places in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of this State, with the unassuming, noble character of the man Williamson, they are like Pygmies on the one hand to a Pyramid on the other, and one is reminded of the works of Edward Young when he wrote:

"Pygmies and Pygmies still, though perched on Alps;
And Pyramids are Pyramids in vales.
Each man makes his own statute, builds himself;
Virtue alone outbuilds the Pyramids;
Her monuments shall last when Egypt's fall."

Scottish Rite Masons Hold 58th Biennial Session In Chicago

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Present were members from the various States of the Union and delegates from three foreign Grand Lodges and Supreme Council. Also there was represented by mail thirty-one foreign Grand Lodges located in different parts of the world. The president of the General Grand Masonic Congress, III. Edward Love 33, greeted all visitors in the name of the Congress and assured them of the desire of the Masons of color to continue in the true spirit of union, that the fraternal chain be not broken.

After the regular business of the Order had been transacted, election was in order with the following results. Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, III. John H. Campbell; 33 of Homestead, Pa., Potentate of the Imperial Grand Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, Inc., III. Noble, John J. Marshall, 33 of Newark, N. J., Imperial Potentate. Of the Masonic Congress for the United States and Canada: III. Edward Love, 33, President General; III. Clarence Winfers of Jackson, Miss., secretary.

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Williamson--Alone And Supreme

By ARTHUR A. SCHOMBURG

At eventide we often think of the past. The memory of our friends glow with joy and social amenities are recalled. Old age has its glorious sunsets in the charm of having done a good deed and a charitable act towards our fellowment and oftimes made a resolution to better safeguard our own health. These thoughts were aglowing and re-acting in my mind in a reflective view of the notable events that had taken place the other day in the N. Y. Public Library located within the Negro Masses of our Harlem people.

It was the honorable and unusual occasion of the presentation of various rare gifts to be with the Schomburg Collection in the Department of Negro Literature, History and Prints.

There was the masterpiece of Calvi's 'Othello' in bronze and marble exquisitely carved by a master's hand ,resting on a solid cylindrical base of a beautiful polished granite four feet high — a memorial to the histrionic services of Ira. Aldridge. From his daughter, Amanda Ira Aldridge came a noted musical composition which was sung at her request by the gifted soprano, Miss Otis Holley.

The memory of Velazquez, famous Negro painter, was brought home to us by a copy from the original in oil by another Cuban master, Pastor Argudin, gold medalist of the Madrid Fine Arts Society. William Thorndike of the Atenas Club, presented an oil of Brindis de Salas, world's noted violinist, who charmed European capitals with his bow more than a half century ago.

The memory of Patrick Henry Reason, a New Yorker high in the councils of Odd Fellowship, member and secretary of Philomethean Lodge, known and remembered by many as the Grand Secretary of the Colored Masons of New York. Here, the N. Y. Public Library was again honored by the presentation of a number of his beautiful etchings. Reason is the only known colored man who followed, in those early days ,the artistic field of engraver and etcher.

Williamson's Gift

We have mentioned these gifts as a prelude to say a word about Dr. Harry A. Williamson, who also has held the office of Grand Secretary of the Masonic Order. For more than three decades I have been proud to enjoy the brotherly contact of my friend and companion. We have walked over fields of bitterness born from prejudices and seeming ignorance. The work that Williamson has been engaged in; he was associate editor of the "Masonic Quarterly Review" that lived less than two years during the World War but had received already the attention of lettered Masons of the World to its possibilities. However, the Craftsmen did no more help it to flourish than more worthy ventures that could have lifted us in the estimation of our superiors.

Singlehanded from sheer love of the Order he joined the Order thirty odd years ago. His work will never be appreciated by those with whom he labored in the myrtle vineyard. A new generation will be able to see better than the old, his work. Williamson has burned the midnight oil. His name will be found and cherished in many parts of the world where real brothers are seeking for the key to knowledge.

I remember Williamson during the year 1908 when as delegates of our respective bodies, we journeyed to Boston, Massachusetts to take part in the centenary of Prince Hall. It was a very notable affair. The hardest part we experienced was walking miles over those terrible city cobblestones. It was great to chat with brothers like Robert Small (who turned over to the Federal Government, "The Planter", ship of war during the Civil War), the Deputy Grand Master of South Carolina Wm. H. Robertson; Grand Master Woods of Alabama, and others. The number of Prince Hall Grand Masters from nearly all the states adorned the Grand East was a sight never to be forgotten. It was a very unusual privilege to be with, and see, and lay hands on the immortal parchment, the warrant of African Lodge No. 459, by virtue of which colored men were granted the rights to practice Free Masonry in North America.

Williamson has devoted his lifetime to bring together this priceless collection and put common sense and reason into the minds of an ignorant craft made up of his own people. His able defense of Prince Hall and his followers has had no competent follower since S. W. Clark and W. T. Boyd of Ohio, Lewis Hayden of New York. He stands to me — alone and supreme. His testimony before the Court of Connecticut spelled death to spurious Masons. His case before the New York white Masonic authorities, brought about recognition of the term, **Prince Hall,** long before recognition to the higher degree was granted, not only Masons in England as it was featured in 'The Freemason' organ of the oldest Masonic organization in the world, under the able editorship of Dudley Wright, the most eminent exponent of Masonry today. There has not been (outside of Williamson), another colored person to defend the traditions and history of Prince Hall Freemasonry based on diligent and painstaking research from primary fountains.

His Wife A Co-worker

The contributions and gift by the Williamsons man and wife, is one of the most honored in the field of public service, when the couple agreed to part with and present to the N. Y. Public Library the most complete collection of Prince Hall material gathered by any one person. It has found a safe repository where it will be available to the scholar, student and researcher after truth, after knowledge, for those who may wish to live up to the golden rule, to "the retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the outer world." However ,we soon forget our sacred charge, but here Collection will be a beacon that will light our understanding to a better appreciation of the man, the brother and friend, who gave the substance of a lifetime of nourishment for the youth of tomorrow.

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riveters today are demolishing the upper superstructure that was to be the temple, a memorial to Prince Hall, Brother Williamson makes available to posterity a more substantial contribution to the field of letters, the literature of Prince Hall Masons, not of New York, but of America and the world. He wrought and builded well and better than many of us have realized.

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Dt. S. M. Stockton, Imp. Commandress; Dt. Earlie Musson, Imp. Recordress; Dt. T. Carter Brown, Imp. first Lieut. Commandress; Dt. Willie Britten, Imp. second Lieut. Commandress; Dt. Rosa Norris, Imp. High Priestess; Dt. Beulah McKay, Imp. Oriental Guide; Dt. Laura Henson, Imp. Treasuress; Dt. Rena Brown, Imp. first Cer. Dt.; Dt.; Cora Barrett, Imp. second Cer. Dt.; Dt. Alice Saunders, Imp Inside Spy; Dt. Irene Henry, Imp. Outside Spy.

Alabama Masons Conclude Big Session In Montgomery; Grand Master W. T. Woods Presides

By OSCAR W. ADAMS

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(Special)—The 58th annual session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, opened here Tuesday, November 10th, with Walter Thomas Woods, Grand Master.

The meeting was scheduled for the third Tuesday in July last, but because of infantile paralysis epidemic over the State at the time, the Health Department directed postponement.

When the session was called to order it was seen that delegates were present from every section of Alabama, numbering more than 250, not including the several Grand Lodge officers who filled their respective stations.

The feature of the meeting was the masterly address of Walter Thomas Woods, who has served the order for 23 years and 5 months. His address covered every phase of Negro activity throughout the country, and a strong plea was made for a larger interest in education and christianity. He recounted in an eloquent manner step by step of the progress made by the fraternity in Alabama during his administration. It was seen from the figures given that the organization in 1917 owed ninety odd thousand dollars to widows and claimants with less than five thousand dollars in all departments of the Order. This debt was retired entirely a few years later, and it was shown by reports that the liquid assets of the organization today are more than sixty-three thousands dollars, and with a building and lot in the City of Birmingham, and other property aggregating $734,835.00, making the total assets of the Order in its Endowment Department $796,245.-05. These properties are free of incumberances.

In the closing section of his message, Grand Master Woods called on the old members of the Order to keep before them the principles and purpose of the Order and further advised that the institution be replenished with a younger group that they may learn the lessons of the fraternity and become better and more useful citizens.

"I am sorry," he said, "but it becomes my duty to let you know that because of ill health and the larger program to be carried on by this Fraternity to keep the lead of all Masonic bodies in America. I must retire. I will not stand for reelection. I love you as I love my own self and family, but it is for your security and for mine that I will not stand for reelection. This institution must be perpetuated, and it will be perpetuated, but to assure its progress we must give way to the worthy young men of our race. And I want to plead with you that you open this door and elect for your guiance a Grand Master, a strong, loyal, honest, and worthy Mason among you."

When the Grand Master had finished his message hundreds of men over the spacious auditorium were weeping, and others were saying "We won't let him quit" A vote of approval of his administration was given His address was adopted in its entirety and ordered printed in pamphlet form and distributed to the members, and he was given a substantial donation as an appreciation on his trip to Battle Creek, Mich

Officers Elected

Attorney Charles V. Hendley of Huntsville, Ala., was elected Grand Master, defeating his opponent, P. D. Davis, by a vote of 426 to 175; L. A. Wilson of Snow Hill, elected Deputy Grand Master; F. G. Manley, Tuskegee Institute, Senior Grand Warden; J. Q. Pinckney, Mobile, Junior Grand Warden; H. C. Ball, Montgomery, Grand Secretary; A. H Williams, Union Springs, Grand Treasurer; E. T. Belsaw, Mobile, Endowment Treasurer; C. W. Peters, Birmingham, Endowment Secretary, leading his opponent, Walter Young of Montgomery, by 102 votes; Dr. L. U. Goin, Birmingham, Grand Medical Registrar; Dr. A. B. McKenzie, Tuscaloosa, Grand Trustee; Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Birmingham, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge closed Thursday to meet in Birmingham the third Tuesday in July, 1937.

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National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc.

National Ideals Conclude 24th Convention In Pittsburgh, Pa.

By Planet Staff Writer

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention of the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc., and the Ideal Nursery Guardian's Convention opened here Tuesday of this week in the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, of which the Rev. C. B. Allen is pastor, corner Luna street and Paulson avenue.

The convention was called to order at 10 a. m., with devotionals being conducted by the Supreme Chaplain, the Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, and opening remarks by the Supreme Master, B. W. Perkins. This was followed by the appointment of the committee on credentials and the welcome address on the part of the church delivered by Rev. C. B. Allen and response by Lynwood W. Brown, of Richmond. Brief remarks were then heard from various delegates, followed by the reports of committees on credentials and the reception of delegates. An executive committee and committees on finance, constitution and by-laws, welfare of the Order, Ideal Nursery Guardians' Convention, next place of meeting, condolence and resolutions, were then appointed, followed by adjournment for lunch.

The afternoon session began at 3 p. m., with devotionals exercises conducted by the Supreme Chaplain. Other features of the afternoon were the reports of the Supreme Master, B. W. Perkins; the Supreme Secretary and minutes of the Board of Directors, by Mrs. Olivia W. Smith, Asst. Supreme Secretary; the Supreme Treasurer, T. L. Beverly; Auditors, Mrs. Alma L. Chapman and Mrs. Alma B. Wyatt, and a meeting of the executive committee.

The night of public session began at 8 p. m., with devotionals by the chaplain and music furnished by the Bethesda Choir, directed by W. T. Miller. The welcome address on the part of the Ideal lodges of the city of Pittsburgh was delivered by W. A. Arvin; religious organizations, by Rev. D. B. Russell, pastor Shiloh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh; Fraternal organizations of the city, by Mrs. Fannie Scott, Deputy American Woodmen. A solo rendered by Mrs. Mary Harris, Pittsburgh, was followed by the introduction of the speaker of the evening by W. A. Arvin, who introduced Hon. W. M. McNair, mayor of the city of Pittsburgh, who delivered the welcome address on the part of the city. Response to the welcome addresses was made by the able and eloquent attorney, James T. Carter, of Richmond, Vice Supreme Master of the organization. A solo by Samuel Jackson ,of Richmond, brought the session to a close.

Nursery Guardians.

The Nursery Guardians' branch of the Order opened their convention on Wednesday morning at 10 a. m., with Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks presiding. The roll call of officers was followed by devotionals conducted by Mrs. Mary E. Freeman, prelate. The annual report of the President, Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks,

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Moses Order Plans Monument to Bond

ATLANTIC CITY—A monument to the late Solomon A. Bond, for thirty-five years grand master of the Order of Moses, was voted at the sixty-seventh session of that body which closed here on Friday.

Mount Auburn Cemetery, Baltimore, will be the site of the monument, which will be unveiled at the next grand session to be held in the Maryland city in October, 1938. A membership of 8,500 in 125 tabernacles was reported.

James, Davenport Re-elected

William Stanley Jones of New York was re-elected grand master, and L. H. Davenport of Baltimore, deputy grand master. Other officers elected for the next two years are:

Estelle A. Smith, grand vice; William T. Thomas, orator; P. T. Morris, high priest; Harold Clay, financial secretary; Frances Handy, recording secretary; C. F. Carr, treasurer;

Mary Washington, right hand support; Fannie Webster, left hand support; Louise Jackson, right hand conductress; Bessie Butler, left hand conductress; Thomas Haywood, inside sentinel; J. U. Hill, outside sentinel; James E. Hawkins, marshal; Jennie V. Dyson, assistant financial secretary.

The executive committee arranging the entertainment consisted of George E. Emory, chairman; Mrs. Hattie B. Waters, Miss Bettie A. Callis, Mrs. Caroline Brodie, Mrs. Cora Cromwell, Burton Green, and Mrs. Abbie Anderson. Chairmen of other committees were Mrs. Mary Nicholas, Mrs. Ella R. Morris, Mrs. Mary O. Griggs, Alphonzo Jones, Mrs. Fannie Webster, Mrs. Marguerite I. Delaney and Mrs. Elizabeth Blair.

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Other Officers Named

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The election of officers concluded one of the most colorful sessions in the history of the organization, several officers agreed.

The five-day convention climaxed last Friday with one of the most spectacular parades ever seen in the Capital City. Headed by the high stepping First Regiment Patriarchy band of Washington, the two hour long procession thrilled thousands of Richmonders who had gathered to witness the show.

Patriarchy Mounted

Immediately behind the Washington band was the mounted staff of the Patriarchy of America under the command of Major General R. T. Stewart of Newport News. Following the mounted staff were several companies of Patriarchies wearing uniforms that had served several generations of Odd Fellows through cen-

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End Biennial Session in Richmond; Texan Heads Household of Ruth

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6,000 To Attend Odd Fellow Sessions Next Week

After thirty years hosts of Odd Fellows will descend on Richmond next week to hold the 27th B. M. C. of the Order. The last meeting of the B. M. C. held in this city was in 1906. Richmond is all primed to extend a hearty welcome to her distinguished visitors.

The convention dates as announced are August 10th to 15th, inclusive. More than 5,000 delegates and visitors are expected to attend this biennial meeting of Odd Fellows from every section of the United States and abroad.

Household of Ruth.

Meeting with the male branch of the fraternity is the Household of Ruth, the women's division of the order. The order is headed by Mrs. L. M. Hughes, of Cameron, Texas., Most Worthy Grand Superior. Mrs. E. B. Delaney, of Covington, Ky., is the Most Worthy Grand Recorder. The sessions of the Household will be held in the 6th Mt. Zion Church, of which Dr. A. W. Brown is pastor.

Public Meeting.

The public meeting in which all branches of the order will participate will be held in the Mosque Theatre on Monday, August 10th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Many prominent speakers are expected to appear on the program. Representatives from every fraternal organization in the city will greet the visitors. At the Fraternal Meeting which will also be held at the Mosque Theatre on Monday evening at 8.00 o'clock. The Past M. N. G. Chamber will also hold a fraternal meeting on Monday night at 6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

B. M. C. Meetings.

The sessions of the B. M. C. which will be presided over by Grand Master Edward H. Morris, of Chicago, will be held in 5th Street Baptist Church, of which Dr. C. C. Scott is pastor. Other Grand Officers are as follows: Jessie L. Nicholas, Govans, M. D., Grand Secretary; A. J. Shirley, Hernion, Pa., Grand Treasurer; Robert J. Thomas. Jacksonville. Fla.; James F. Adair, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Earnest D. Cooke, Boston, Mass.; H. H. Butler, Hartsville, S. C.; William Kelso, Alexandria, La. Grand Directors, James M. Miller, Newark, N. J.; and James H. Black, Louisville, Ky., Grand Auditors.

Other Meetings.

The Patriarchy will hold its meetings at the home of Capital City Lodge of Elks on North 2d street, while the meeting of the Past Grand Matrons will be held at Odd Fellows Hall on North 3d street.

Thursday Banner Day.

Thursday will be the banner day during the 27th B. M. C. Starting with a picturesque street parade at 11 o'clock A. M., the day will be featured by competitive drills and athletic events at Hovey Field in the afternoon and climaxing with the Grand Annual Ball at the Mosque on Thursday night. Prizes aggregating $725.00 will be awarded for the competitive drills and athletic events. Johnson's Happy Pals, Richmond's stellar musical outfit, will furnish music for the ball.

Arrangement Committee.

The local committee on arrangements is headed by Louis R. Bocker as chairman with J. L. B. Forrester serving as secretary. Publicity is in charge of W. L. Deane as chairman, and R. W. Anderson as secretary. Several committees have been organized under competent leadership to direct various phases of the arrangements for the convention.

Its Beginnings.

The order was introduced in America in 1843. Victory Lodge of Odd Fellows, Leeds, England, granted the first dispensation and gave the first authority for the organization of an Odd Fellows Lodge of Negroes in this cohntry. From 26 members in 1843 the order has grown in numbers and in prestige until it is now recognized as one of the largest and most powerful fraternal organizations in the United States.

Work Of Order In The Nation Highly Lauded

Twenty-Seventh Meet Gets Underway At Mosque Theatre

Journal and Guide Bureau

RICHMOND —The twenty-seventh Biennial Movable Conference of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America was officially opened here Monday morning in the auditorium of the Mosque theatre. The session was called to order by Joseph L. B. Forrester, secretary of the B. M. C. committee. The meeting was presided over by Louis R. Booker, B. M. C. committee chairman. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. R. Beecher Taylor.

EXTENDS GREETINGS

Acting in the absence of Governor George C. Peery, Attorney Abraham P. Staples extended to the B. M. C. greetings in behalf of the State of Virginia. In attorney Staples's remarks he spoke of the fine accomplishments of the Odd Fellows Association and assured the body that the State of Virginia was glad to have them as its guests. He reminded his audience that it was this State that produced the greatest leaders of the Negro race, Dr. Booker T. Washington and the Honorable Robert R. Moton.

He expressed Governor Peery's regrets for not being able to welcome in person "this great body of men and women." Honorable Edward H. Harris, L.L. D., National Grand Master, responded to the address delivered by Attorney S. Staples. In his remarks he assured the attorney that the order felt it an honor to be invited to this city. He also gave a brief history of the order and spoke of the progress it had made during the last few years.

Mayor J. Fulmer Bright, who also could not be present at the opening session, was represented by Honorable Jacob Umlauf. Response to Mr. Umlauf's address was made by Jessie L. Nichols, Deputy Grand Master of Maryland.

MRS. McSWEENEY SPEAKS

Speaking in behalf of the fraternal organizations of Richmond was Mrs. Alice S. McSweeney, who thrilled the audience with her eloquence. Most Worthy Grand Superior Mrs. Lucy L. Hughes of Texas, in her response, paid great tribute to Richmond, the State of Virginia and particularly to the fraternal organizations which had as their representative Mrs. McSweeney.

She also spoke of the growing tendency for women to be a part of the governing affairs of the nation. She lauded the progress that the order had made and admonished her hearers to catch the spirit that is being manifested at the present convention that the order might continue to make steady progress.

Speaking in behalf of the business men of Richmond, B. T. Bradshaw, president of the Virginia Mutual Insurance Company, told the body that the word "Odd" means unusual, above the average, extraordinary. The word "Fellow" means champion, comrade, partner, a good person. He said the business men of Richmond deemed it a pleasure to welcome a group of persons of such caliber to be their guests. In the course of his address, Mr. Bradshaw said that Negroes must learn to pull together and that unity results in strength. Mr. Bradshaw's address was responded to by Worshipful Grand Master D. W. Durham of Rochester, New York. Mr. Durham paid great respect to Richmond and Virginia for its Southern hospitality.

CLERGYMEN ATTEND

Most inspiring about the opening session of the Odd Fellows convention was the number of Richmond clergymen who sat on the platform along with the grand officers, speakers, representatives, and visitors.

Among those noted were Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First African Baptist Church; Rev. Junius Taylor, rector of the St. Phillip P. E. Church; Rev. C. E. Queens, pastor of the Leigh Street M. E. Church; Rev. R. H. Johnson, pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church; Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of the Fourth Baptist Church; Rev. A. W. Brown, pastor of the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The welcome address on behalf of the Richmond clergymen was given by the Rev. J. A. Brown. In his remarks he mentioned the fine spirit that existed between the church and the Odd Fellow organization. This address was responded to by Rev. H. H. Butler, Grand Director of South Carolina.

Welcome from the District Grand Household of Ruth No. 11 of Virginia was given by Mrs. Alma Layton, District Grand Most Noble Governor. Response was given by Miss Vivian C. Darden of Brooklyn, North Carolina.

A presentation of the keys to the city was made by Mrs. Lou Harris, D. S. R. M. G. Acceptance of keys was made by Mrs. Florence Cochrane, Grand Worthy Prelate of Ohio.

Patriotic memorial services were held Sunday night at the First African Baptist Church at which time the auditorium was filled to its capacity with members of both races. At this meeting introduction of several speakers was made and special music was rendered.

Odd Fellows In Convention At Richmond, Va.

Delegates Gathering From All Parts of The Nation

Journal and Guide Bureau

RICHMOND — With delegates Rico, the Odd Fellows convention coming from as far away as Puerto got under way here Monday morning, August 10, with a capacity crowd attending the opening services at the Mosque Theatre. The long list of delegates started gathering in the city late Saturday and by early Sunday afternoon Richmond had taken on all resemblances of a cosmopolitan city.

CITY DECORATED

Hundreds of homes, business places and factories donned flags and decorations of different kinds assuring the visitors of a hearty welcome. Banners of different states and departments flew freely about the streets while hundreds of uniformed men and women walked leisurely about the Capital City.

The committee on arrangements headed by L. R. Booker had spared no pains to make pleasant the stay of the visiting delegates. At the headquarters on Fifth Street, a spirit of homecoming and brotherly love prevailed. A main feature of the program was to be the homecoming for all Virginians and Richmonders.

All night the committee on arrangements remained on duty to assign to homes of comfort those delegates who were traveling by automobiles from all parts of the United States.

PORTO RICANS PLEASED

The delegation from Porto Rico which arrived at noon Monday, expressed to the Guide their appreciations for the fine hospitality accorded them. Said H. Artez Main, chairman of the group, "I want to express my most sincere gratitude for the kind reception received from all the leaders and brethren of our

order and especially from state and local authorities."

One never saw a more happy group of people than these sons and daughters who rushed quietly and reverently int the Mosque auditorium during the morning exercises Monday night and took their seats on the platform.

BUSINESS EXTENDS WELCOME

Of great importance was the greetings accorded the visitors by the business houses of the city. City officials who were assigned to escort the visitors about the city, entered into their duty with the greatest enthusiasm. Delegates came from Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida and several other far away states.

The convention went into its second session here Monday night with a Fraternity Night Program being held at the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, sponsored by the Past Most Noble Governors Chamber, No. 170. Folk of the Order described the services as one of the most impressive programs ever witnessed.

The program was presided over by Mrs. Alice B. Lee, with devotionals being offered by Mrs. Lucy B. Lewis, P.M.G., after which a song was sung by the congregation. The welcome address was given by the Rev. A. W. Brown, pastor of the church, to which Mrs. Lelis A. Coleman P.M.G., responded.

With a capacity audience witnessing the program, welcome addresses were given by several business and fraternal men and women of the city. Representing the Tents, Mrs. Emily G. Chambers; Ideals, Rev. R. Beecher Taylor; St. Luke, John S. Collins; Courts of Calanthe, Dr. A. A. Tennant; insurance, B. T. Bradshaw, president of the Virginia Mutual Insurance Company; Social Security League, Roscoe Mitchell; Imperial Dramatic Club, A. W. Dandridge; King David, Mrs. A. T. Taylor; Benjamin Temple Elks, Mrs. Estelle Harris; sororities, Mrs. Antionette B. Smith; fraternities, P. Edward Giles; Capital City Elks, Carey Wheaton; Good Samaritan, W. L. Dean; Porters Club, Preston Johnson, Colored Press, A. V. Norrell.

Music was furnished by the Bright Light Quartet and the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist choir. Mrs. Estelle Christian and Mrs. Louise Sire sang solos.

Rev. Brown expressed his pleasure at having the body meet at the Sixth Mt. Zion Church. He also mentioned the contribution the fraternities and lodges had made to society.

Mrs. Alice B. Lee was chairman of the program committee. Mrs. B. M. Forrester was Chief Grand Ruler.

1800 Attend 27th Odd Fellows' BMC Held in Richmond

Six Delegates from Puerto Rico Listed Among Visitors.

SESSSION TO END NEXT SATURDAY

Social Programs Include Grand Ball.

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The first one was held in the million dollar Acca Temple Mosque, where the Virginia attorney-general A. [illegible] Staples, representing the governor, and President Jacob Umlauf of the Richmond city council, representing the mayor, delivered welcome addresses.

More than a dozen representatives of city and State fraternal and business organizations also delivered greetings. Responses were made by Grand Master Edward H. Morris of Illinois and other officials.

Initial Program

The initial public session was presided over by L. R. Booker, chairman of the Richmond committee, which arranged the convention activities. Those appearing on the program in addition to Grand Master Morris were:

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The Rev. R. B. Taylor, W. L. Deane, Mrs. Alice S.McSweeney, Booker T. Bradshaw, the Rev. J. A. Brown, Mrs. Lou Harris and Past Grand Master R. W. Johnson.

Fraternal Night Observed

Faternal Night services, Monday were held at Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church under auspices of the Past Most Noble Grand Chamber of Richmond. Mrs. Alice S. Lee, mistress of ceremonies was assisted by Mrs. Bettie M. Forrester and Mrs. Lucy Brooks Lewis. Representatives from 20 societies and club groups participated in the program.

The B.M.C. and its affiliated bodies are meeting in four auditoriums as follows: The Grand Lodge in Fifth Street Baptist Church; Grand Household of Ruth in Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church; the Grand Council at Odd Fellows Hall; the Grand Patriarchy in Capital City Elks' Home and the Patriarchy Auxiliary in the lecture room at Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

1800 Persons Attending

More then 1800 delegates and visitors are here from all parts of the United States and a delegation of six from Puerto Rico. Plans are completed for the parade to be held Thursday morning, when the patriarchies will conduct their biennial military display and competitive drill. They will be assisted by several local bands and marching units.

The sessions will last through Saturday afternoon. The grand ball is scheduled to be held on Thursday night at the Mosque, the local committee has made arrangements for 3,000 guests.

Officers of Committee

Officers of the grand committee of arrangements are:

L. R. Booker, chairman, J. L. Forrester, secretary; H. H. Quarles, assistant secretary; George L. Juhans, treasurer; the Rev. J. H. Brown, chaplain, and Joseph Lewis, sergeant-at-arms.

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Officers of the Grand Patriarchy of America are as follows: Major-General R. T. Stewart of Newport News, commanding officer; Colonel William H. Skinner, Alexandria, adjutant-general; Colonel F. H. Edwards, Philadelphia, chief of staff; Colonel R. A. Holland, West Palm Beach, Fla., inspector-general; Colonel William W. Edwards, Washington, judge advocate; First Brigade: Brigadier-General Hamilton M. Hayes, Baltimore, Md., commanding; Colonel William H. Fitzhugh, Washington, brigade adjutant; and Colonel H. J. Faulk, Richmond, paymaster.

The election of officers concluded one of the most colorful sessions in the history of the organization, several officers agreed.

The five-day convention climaxed last Friday with one of the most spectacular parades ever seen in the Capital City. Headed by the high stepping First Regiment Patriarchy band of Washington, the two hour long procession thrilled thousands of Richmonders who had gathered to witness the show.

PATRIARCHY MOUNTED

Immediately behind the Washington band was the mounted staff of the Patriarchy of America under the command of Major General R. T. Stewart of Newport News. Following the mounted staff were several companies of Patriarchies wearing uniforms that had served several generations of Odd Fellows through centuries. Included in the first brigade were representatives from Washington, Philadelphia, Newport News, New York, Kingston, Pa., Accotinck and Alexandria. Following this brigade were several auxiliary units of the Patriarchy made up of women and children dressed in white slacks with blue stripes.

A company of boys from Newport News attracted a great deal of attention by their snappy execution of difficult military drills while in line of march.

"SWING" MUSIC

The new-fangled "swing music" predominated the parade. The Capital City Band decked out in brand new uniforms boasting "drape" trousers rivalled the Williams Elk band for natty appearance.

Other musical organizations in the line of march were the Boy Scout Drum Corps from Richmond and the boys' band from Hanover School, Richmond.

The Richmond Girl Scouts and the uniform rank of the Social Security League under the command of Captain Mary Christie formed an escort for the Odd Fellows contingents.

Among the floats, the I. P. E. A's entry and the float representing the local Households of Ruth were very attractive. The I. P. E. A's. car carried the recent winner of the club's popularity contest.

The medical unit was in charge of Dr. E. D. Moton of Indianapolis, Ind., assisted by Dr. A. A. Tennant and Dr. W. M. T. Forrester. Many cases of heat prostration were attended. Seven cases were confined to the hospital tent at the drill grounds, but were reported to be only slight prostrations. The ambulances, donated by the R. C. Scott and A. D. Price establishments, were called into service several times during the long parade.

The committee in charge of the parade was composed of Colonel G. T. Ellis, Captain D. B. Wins-

[illegible] Major Norman Olphin, Lieutenant John J. Randolph and Lieutenant Joseph T. Thornton.

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UBF AND SMT HOLDS REGIONAL MEETING

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10—(ANP) National Grand Master, [illegible] Russell, of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. S., called a conference here last Saturday of state and national officers of the lodges and temples. States represented were Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and Missouri.

The purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans to place the National Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges and temples on a firmer basis.

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THEODORE MANN HEADS KAPPAS

The Twenty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity came to a close Wednesday night and went down on record as the most eventful meeting in the history of the organization. More than 300 delegates and visitors were attracted to the city by the conclave.

Awarded Laurel Wreath

Constant progress during the 25 years of the fraternity, which claims more than a hundred chapters was stressed in tribute paid to the founders and Past Polemarchs. Plans were laid for carrying forward of the fraternity's house projects and other important activities toward another successful twenty-five years.

Because of his unstinted and valuable work to the fraternity, Byrom K. Armstrong, professor of Education at Langston University, was awarded the laurel wreath for the most outstanding achievement.

Elect Officers

Atty. Theodore Mann, of Chicago, was elected Polemarch. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Asst. Solicitor of the Department of Interior.

Other officers elected were Sr. Gr. V. P., W. J. Madison, Wilberforce U.; Jr. V. P., Thomas H. Andrews, Howard U.; Gr. K. Of R. and Gr. Exchequer, Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago; Gr. Strategus, Albert Spurlock, U. of Ill.; Gr. Lt. Strag., Donald Spencer, U. of Cincinnati; Gr. Historian, Ben H. Mosby, Chicago; Mems. Bd. Dir., Elder W. Diggs Indianapolis; John S. Young Morehouse College; James Scott Washington, D. C.; Hunnicutt, Topeka, Kans.

Washington, D. C. was chosen for the 1936 conclave of the fraternity.

Delegates

Names of delegates who had registered up to Monday were:

Cleve L. Abbott and H. S. Adams, Tuskegee, Inst. Kenneth Adams Chicago; A. A. Alexander, DesMoines; C. W. Alexander, Kansas City; James Allen, New York; John Alston, Columbus, Ohio; J. E. Anderson, Wichita; Thomas H. Andrews, Washington; B. K. Armstrong Langston, Okla.; Lionel F. Artis, and wife, Indianapolis; Houston A. Baker, Louisville; E. J. Barnett, Champaign, Ill; A. D. Bailey, Topeka; Dr. J. H. Barnes, Chicago; Joe Birch, Detroit; Horace M. Pond, New Orleans.; Leonard Bondurant, Chicago; Arthur Booth, Jefferson City, Mo.; Joseph B. Britton, Baton Rouge; R. J. Brogsdale, Chicago; J. B. Brown Frankfort, Ky; Dr. Hugh A. Brown, Alexander, Ark; Girard Bryant, Kansas City, Mo; Wm. W. Buchanan, Jr., E. St. Louis; Leo S. Butler, Baton Rouge; Theodore Cable, Indianapolis; Earle Carrington, Washington, D. C.; R. E. Clark, Cincinnati; Rufus Clement, Louisville, Ky; Louis W. Clymer, Washinton; James Coggs, Washington, D. C. Homer U. Coke, Memphis; Eugene Cannon, Indiana; Oree M. Conner, Columbia, Mo; A. C. Cox, Indianapolis; John S. Cousins, B. H. Crockett, Jr., Chicago; O. W. Crump, Marshall, Texas; Andrew W. Darton, Jr. Jefferson City; Van J. Davis, Chicago; Jesse O. Dedmon Washington, D. C.; R. Risley Dent, Urbana; Earl Dickerson, Chicago; E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis, I. Theodore Donaldson, New York; John P. Edelen Chicago; George H. Edwards, Chicago; William A. Enge, Nashville; W. R. Epps, Nashville; Samuel D. Finney, Topeka; Howard Fort, Lawrence, Kansas; Ernest Fuller, W. Va. State College Horace Fuqua, Chicago; Virgil A. Gant, Chicago; Roy Garvin, Kansas City; H. C. Gibson, Chicago; Freeman K. Gibson, Jr., Chicago; Dr. W. Henry Green, Washington, D. C.; William Griffin, Nashville, Tenn.; A. L. Hammons, Jefferson City; G. Smith Hawkins, Chicago; George E. C. Hayes, Washington, D. C.; Kenneth Hill, Kansas City; Leroy Hilliard, Chicago; F. R. Hines, Champaign; John E. Hines, Sr., Chicago, Ill; Claude Holman, Chicago; H. Stratton Honson, Columbus, O., A. P. Howard, Kansas City, Kansas; M. J. Hutchison, Chicago; J. S. Hunnicitt, Topeka; Menelick Jackson, New York; I. Jacque, Waco and Dallas, Texas; Lawrence Jones, Piney Woods, Mississippi; James Johnson, Tuskegee Institute; James Jones, Chicago; W. T. Jones, Langston, Oklahoma; Vernon Jones, Chicago; Henry Kelley, Chicago; A. J. Landowne, Marshall, Texas; Robert Landrum, Chicago; Archie C. Lane, Little Blue, Mo; Dr. Willard M. Lane Washington, D. C.; Walter J. Lathon, University of Illinois; Percy H. Lee, Kansas City.; Robert L. Lightfoot, Chicago; Thomas J. Lumpt Chicago; Wm. J. Madison, Wilberforce, Ohio; T. J. Maline, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Theopiluc Mann, Chicago; Dr. P. C. May, Centralia; Dallas Martin, Jefferson City; Lenel Mason Kansas City, Mo.; A. M. Mercer Chicago; Lucian B. Merriweather Indianapolis; James Merritt, Jefferson City; R. H. Miller, Chicago; Robert W. Ming, Jr., Chicago; Lucius Monroe, Topeka; Blake E. Moore, Topeka, Julius Morgan, Chicago; Kenneth H. Moore, Jefferson City; Theodore Morris, Elkhorn, West Virginia; James A. Morton, Marshall, Tex.; Ben H. Mosby, Chicago; Berchard Norvel, Creve Coeur; Henry E. Oates, Memphis, Tenn; Julius Ocrey, Chicago; Nowel Parker, Jefferson City; J. Jerome Peters, Tuskegee Institute; Harry G. Phillips Wichita; O. W. Phillips, Marshall, Texas; Anthony Pierce, Washington, D. C; Edward Pierce, Salisbury, N. C.; Lawrence Powell, Cleveland; B. H. Prichitt, Indianapolis; A. E. Pyles, Topeka; S. J. Reedy, Jefferson City; J. H. K. Renfro Washington, D. C.; R. J. Reynolds, Topeka, Kansas; Edgar A. Rhinehart, Jr., Chicago; Dr. W. P. Rice, Chicago; R. J. Roddy

Alpha Fraternity Boasts Members In Varied Ranks

By HERMAN J. D. CARTER

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 2.—(ANP) — That the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the first Negro college fraternity, boasted of most of the prominent Negroes in the United States as members, was the statement made by Dean A. A. Taylor of Fisk university, at a smoker held under the auspices of the Beta Omicron chapter at Tennessee State college last Saturday night. 1-4-36

Outlining before the younger members of the fraternity, Dean Taylor referred to the achievements in literature and letters of W. E. B. DuBois in science, Dr. St. Elmo Brady of Fisk university, in medicine as Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, Dr. Homer Cooper, Chicago, Dr. Numa P. G. Adams, dean of Howard University Medical college, Dr. Alleyne, Meharry College of Medicine, and Dr. A. Delph, the only Negro in recent years to operate on the heart and brain; in law, Robert L. Vann, of the United States Department of Justice, William Lewis, former assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, and Pope Billups in New York City, and in education, Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute, Dr Mordecai Johnson and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, of Howard university, Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Howard and others.

Of course, as was pointed out by the speaker, there are others who have gained prominence in their various fields of endeavors who belong to other fraternities, including Dr. Robert R. Moton, president emeritus of Tuskegee institute, R. R. Taylor, Sr., Dr. Leroy Allain Locke of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity; William Pickens, Jesse O. Thomas and Dr. Daniel O. Taylor of the Omega Psi Phi and Earl B. Dickerson, Ellis Stewart, Col. J. H. Ward and others of the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Dean Taylor emphasized the necessity of those qualified to seek membership in some fraternity, pointing out the advantage of being a "frat man." The occasion was termed as the pre-Convention meeting of the Beta Omicron chapter and according to reports the forthcoming boule will be one of the most outstanding in the thirty years of history of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

OMEGAS ELECT WM. E. BAUGH NEW BASILEUS

Philadelphia Chosen As Host City For The 1936 Boule

1-11-36

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One of the most significant developments of the meeting was the adoption of a plan proposed in 1934 by J. O. Thomas at St. Louis, recommending a revision of the general program of the fraternity. Special committees will work throughout the year in fulfillment of this plan.

Robert D. Baskerville, Philadelphia attorney, was elected as delegate to the national Pan-Hellenic council which convenes in the Quaker City in March.

"FRAT" BRINGS TO CITY MANY ABLE LEADERS OF RACE

Delegates and Guests Enjoy Round of Gala Social Events and Visitors Praise Nashville's Hospitality.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity closed one of its best attended and most successful conventions in its history on Tuesday night of this week, and the visitors to Nashville departed for their homes enthusiastically praising the hospitality of Nashville and the excellent facilities afforded for the convention. Fisk University, A. and I. State College and Meharry Medical College co-operated in providing places for the convention to hold its different business and social events.

The Alphas enjoy the distinction of being the oldest Greek letter fraternity of the race and they number among their membership many of the most noted men of the race. Many of the national leaders were here for the convention.

The two big public events were held last Sunday. They were the address by Dr. John Hope, president of the famed Atlanta University who spoke to a splendid audience in Memorial Chapel at Fisk University, and an evening address delivered in the spacious auditorium of A. and I. State College by Dr. Frederick Douglass Patterson, president of Tuskegee Institute. Both speakers delivered rare inspirational addresses.

Although the convention was largely attended by members from all parts of the country, it is certain the attendance would have been even larger had not inclement weather conditions prevailed throughout the week. Bad weather conditions prevented the arrival of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, who was to have been the principal speaker at the banquet which was held Tuesday night. Dr. DuBois was to have motored to Nashville from Atlanta.

All of the chief officers of the fraternity were re-elected, including the brilliant president, Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Washington and Joseph H. B. Evans, also of Washington, secretary.

The social affairs during the convention week were brilliant events and were all well attended. The convention voted to hold a mid-summer meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., next June, while the regular biennial convention will be held in 1937 in New Orleans.

KAPPAS HOLD GALA SESSION IN ST. LOUIS

J. Jerome Peters, Grand Polemarch, Presides at Silver Conclave

ST. LOUIS.— Delegates to the Kappa Alpha Psi silver conclave took over this city during the Christmas holidays.

Election of officers was scheduled for late Tuesday, December 31.

By Saturday evening more than 50 delegates and St. Louis men had registeed from out of town. Registration began at 9 a. m. Friday.

The first business session of the organization was the annual meeting of the grand board of directors at 3 p. m. Friday.

The second session, opening at 12 a. m., with grand polemarch J. Jerome Peters in charge consisted of the following: roll call of chapters, annual report of grand board of records annual address of grand polemarch, report of grand keeper of records and exchequer annual report of editor-in-chief of Kappa Alpha Psi journal, report of grand historian, report of provincial polemarchs and reports of chapters. Memorial services and the appointment of committees followed.

Several outstanding points were brought out at the meeting. A move was made to complete the ownership of undergraduate chapter houses by the grand chapter It was reported that the Guide Right movement was a success in 1935.

Another point was that of carefully ascertaining the filing of certain qualifications by men to be initiated into the organization.

Two important recommendations were made. The first was that of establishing a housing loan fund to become a part of the purchasing fund, thus making provision for the ownership of houses by the grand chapter. The second was that Dr. Horace Mann Bond be empowered to write a comprehensive history of the organization from its incipiency.

Grand Polemarch Speaks

J. Ernest Wilkins, keeper of records, made a report. According to the officer, six new chpters were set up in 1935. Ben H. Mosby, grand historian, urged upon the historians of various chapters to acquaint themselves with the history of the organization.

W. H. J. Beckett of St. Louis presented memorial resolutions for 10 members who died during the year. Greetings were received from these chapters: Omega, Zeta Phi Beta, Rho Beta Sigma, all wishing success for the silver anniversary of the conclave.

The keynote of the Kappa set-up was the annual address of the grand polemarch, J. Jerome Peters. Hh congratulated the members upon "having survived the most hectic and colorful quarter of a century in the history of the world."

Continuing, he said, "A failing government is now attempting to build upon the dried bones of other failures. Truly chaos has smeared a bloody brush across this span of years, but thank God, Kappa Alpha Psi has maintained her integrity and steadfastly marched onward and upward carrying the torch of acheivement to light the path for our confused and helpless millions."

Stressed Future

Mr. Peters felt that he should not dwell so much upon the past of the organization. He emphasized, rather, the entrance into a new era.

Turing to the present meeting of the men here the grand officers "implored them not to let their enthusiasms of of the moment lead them into hasty and ill advised acts that would reflect unfavoribly on the organization during the rest of the year." He definitely pointed out that the future of "Kappa Alpha Psi ests upon the seriousness with which we accept our task, (speaking of the Kappas), of directing the policies and making the laws.

Closing his remarks Dr. Peters urged each Kappa to assume a major responsibility and to think in terms of the general progress of the national fraternity and its future.

The delegates: John W. Corneal Jr., Topeka, Kas.; Earle T. Carrington, Washington; Harry G. Phillips, Wichita, Kas.; Lucas Monroe, Topeka, Kas.; Samuel D. Finney, Topeka, Kas.; Moddie Taylor, Jefferson City, Mo.; William J. Madison, Wilberforce, Ohio.

B. K. Armstrong, Langston, Okla.; Dr. I. L. Spann, Detroit, Mich.; Rufus E. Clement, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. J. H. Barnes, Chicago, Ill.; James E. Anderson, Wichita, Kas.; A. D. Bailey, Topeka, Kas.

Dr. A. M. Mercer, Chicago, Ill.; H. C. Whitlow Jr., Tulsa; Van J. Davis, Chicago; Kenneth Adams, Chicago, Howard Fort, Lawrence, Kas.; James Smith, St. Louis; H. Stratton Hopson, Columbus; John C. Alston, Columbus.

Many Delegates Atttend

Emmett W. Wells Jr., Washington; Henry E. Oates, Memphis; A. Maceo Walker, Memphis; Julius L. Morgan, Chicago; Walter Lathan, St. Louis; Leonard Bondurant, Chicago; George H. Edwards, Chicago; Joseph B. Britton, Baton Rouge.

Edward Pierce, Salisbury, N. C.; Jerry B. White, St. Louis; William Weddle, St. Louis; Dallas A. Martin, St. Louis.

Charles Green, Iowa City; William Buchanan, E. St. Louis; Ernest Fullen, Institute, W. Va.; Lenel Mason, Iowa City; John Davis St. Louis; Albert Spurlock, Peoria, Ill.; A. O. Kincaide, St. Louis; Andrew Darton Jr., St. Louis; Laurence C. Jones, Piney Wood, Miss.; Leroy Woodson, Washington.

Anthony H. Pierce, Washington; Clere Abbott, Tuskegee, Ala; H. S. Adams, Tuskegee, Ala.; E. J. Barnett, Champaign, Ill.; Lewis W. Clymer, St. Louis; F. R. Hines, Champaign.

Wayman Smith Jr., St. Louis; L. Daniel Stark, JeffersonCity, Mo.; James L. Merritt, Jefferson City, Mo.; Sylvester L. Smith, Jefferson City, Mo.; Dr. E. F. Woodson, Washington; A. L. Hammons, Jefferson City, Mo.; James Stevens, Topeka, Kas.; Edgar Rhinehart Jr., Chicago; L. C. Terrence, M. D., Alphonso, La.

Horace M. Bond Speaks

The only public meeting of the fraternity was held Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. at Lane Tabernacle C.M.E. church, the Rev. John R. McClain, pastor.

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, educator and author, recently named dean of Dillard university, New Orleans, was the principal speaker. He was introduced by Colbert Broussard, instructor in Sumner high school, the latter speaking of him as a young man upon whose shoulders fall the responsibilities of the new era.

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Large Delegation Of Phi Beta Sigmas In Alabama Meet; Billings Presides

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala —(ANP)—Representatives from seven chapters of the Southern Region, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity met here last week in response to a call from Dr. R. A. Billings, of Atlanta, Georgia, who is the Regional Vice President.

The program included an address by Albon L. Holsey, president of Gamma Chapter at Tuskegee Institute, and a forum on proposed constitutional changes led by W. A. Clark, director of the Tuskegee Institute School of Education.

A special address on "The Emergent Fraternity" by Dean E. C. Mitchell, of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, outlined a future program for Greek Letter Societies in which the major emphasis is service.

In the feature address of the conference, Dr. Billings reported on the progress of Sigma during the year and presented a series of proposals for uniting the membership and extending the influence of fraternities.

Resolutions passed by the conference called attention to the heavy vote of the Negroes in the last Presidential Election and urged Negroes of the South to register and prepare to vote.

A large delegation from the Southern Region will attend the annual convention which will be held in New York City, beginning December 27.

Among the Sigma men present were: C. A. Hall, W. L. Simms, G. L. Howell, J. H. Young, H. H. Young, Alpha Beta Chapter, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. R. A. Billings, Dean E. C. Mitchell, A. J. Lockhart, Frank Nelson, George Harrison, J. W. Smith, Lambda Sigma Chapter, Atlanta, Ga.; A. T. Berryhill, Psi Chapter, Clark University; Julius Bradley, Zeta Chapter, Morris Brown College; Richard Durant, Chi Chapter, Morehouse College; and A. L. Holsey, W. A. Clark, G. R. Trammell, A. P. Mack, C. W. Kelley, Gamma Sigma Chapter, Tuskegee Institute.

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W. E. BAUGH IS ELECTED OMEGA HEAD

Herman Dreer, St. Louis, Is Editor of Oracle for Second Year

1-10-36

ATLANTA.—William E. Baugh of Indianapolis was elected grand basileus of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity at the twenty-third annual conclave which ended on December 30, after the most colorful meeting in the history of the organization.

He succeeds Lawrence A. Oxley of Washington, who had headed the organization since 1932.

Herman Dreer of St. Louis was reelected editor of the Oracle, entering his second year. He was for some time literary editor of the magazine.

Other officers elected were Jesse O. Thomas, Atlanta, vice grand basileus; J. R. Weiseger, Washington, grand keeper of records and seals; Jesse B. Blayton, grand keeper of finance; Robert D. Baskerville, Philadelphia, delegate to Pan-Hellenic council in August, 1936; William C. Paul, Philadelphia, grand marshall.

St. Louisans Attend

A public meeting was held Friday night, December 27, at which time Dr. A. Witherspoon Dodge, white, the Rev. W. J. Fortner of Fisk university, and Lawrence A. Oxley, outgoing basileus, spoke on "Demands of the New Day Upon Int cial Leadership, Religious Leadership and Governmental Leadership," respectively.

Special mention was made of two founders, the Rev. Edgar Love, Washington, and Dr. Oscar Cooper, both of whom received crown set pins. The next conclave will be in Philadelphia, with Fred B. Bayton as basileus of Mu Omega chapter.

At the supreme council meeting held on December 26, a graduate chapter charter was granted to a group of Omega men residing in Baton Rouge. The twenty-third grand conclave in session on December 30 granted undergraduate chapter charters to groups of young men at Alabama State college, Montgomery, Ala.; Southern university, Scotlandville, La.; Tillotson college, Austin, Texas, and Bluefield State Teachers college Bluefield, W. Va.

A program was adopted whereby Omega Psi Phi pledged itself to cooperate with all agencies such as the N.A.A.C.P., Joint Committee on National Recovery, Urban League, working with a definite interest in the problem of the masses. The National Achievement Week Project shall be continued enlarged, and intensified, and shall be related to and co-ordinated with the purposes and program of the fraternity as a whole; and to aid in such coordination, a division of investigation and research will gradually be developed. Local chapters will be aided in carrying out cultural programs of local interest.

Attendance

Among the Omegas attending the conclave were: Rev. Edgar A. Love, Washington, and Dr. Oscar J. Cooper, Philadelphia, two of the founders; retiring Grand Basileus Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Commissioner of Conciliation, United States Department of Labor, Washington; Jour. Arthur Weiseger, Washington; Sp. Herman Dreer, editor of the Oracle, St. Louis; Grand Keeper of R. and S., Grand Chaplain, Rev. A. C. Garner, New York; Past Grand Basileui Attorney J. A. Atkins, Houston; and Harold H. Thomas, Atlanta; District Representative C. Glenn, New York; Robert Baskerville, Philadelphia; C. R. Alexander, Baltimore; and S. Herbert Adams, Charlotte, N. C.; Traveling Representative, J. B. Wheeler, Atlanta; assistant editors of the Oracle, Frederick S. Weaver, Washington, and J. Yancey, Wilberforce; J. P. Davis, Joint Committee on National Recovery; Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the N.A.A.C.P.; Dr. Percy Julian, chemist of De Pauw university, Greencastle, Ind.; Dr. Benjamin Boyd, W. S. Burke, William Maynard, Tuskegee institute, Rev. John F. Moreland, Attorney Terry Hart, Prof. U. Donaldson, St. Louis, Prof. J. C. Sanderson, Houston, "Hank" Carrothers, Wilberforce university; "Red" Stewart, Kentucky State, and delegates from New York and Washington.

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ALPHAS WILL MEET NEXT IN LOS ANGELES

Special Convention in August; to New Orleans In 1937

1-10-36

NASHVILLE.—The silver convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity closed here Tuesday, January 31, after a heated debate among delegates from cities desiring the next convention.

Los Angeles was chosen as the site for the special convention to be held in August, 1936, and New Orleans was the place selected for the next biennial convention in December, 1937.

Other cities bidding for the conventions were Baltimore and Detroit.

Officers Reelected

Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Washington was reelected president; Joseph H. B. Evans of Washington was reelected secretary; Attorney Percival R. Piper of Detroit was reelected treasurer, and Rayford W. Logan of Atlanta was reelected director of education; Attorney Sidney A. Jones Jr., was reelected third vice-president of the midwest region. All of the fore-going officers were reelected by acclamation.

Dr. Farrow R. Allen of New York was elected first vice-president of the eastern region; Charles W. Green of Atlanta was reelected second vice-president of the southern region, and Bert R. McDonald of Los Angeles, fourth vice-president of the western region.

Placing a new emphasis on reclamation service and delinquent chapters, the convention empowered the general president to appoint three regional assistants to each vice-president. Lewis O. Swingler of Memphis, was elected editor of the Sphinx.

Financial Status Is Good

The general secretary, Joseph H. B. Evans, in his annual report indicated that there was a larger number of financial men in Alpha Phi Alpha at present that at any time in its history. Examination of the treasurer's books showed hat the fraternity was in a healthy financial condition, expending over $18,000 in the past two years in conducting its program of education and matters of fraternity concern.

The silver convention appropriated $1,800 for fellowships and $600 for scholarships; a monthly grant to the Joint Committee on National Recovery; substantial annual contributions to the N. A. A. C. P., National Urban League and a twenty-fifth anniversary donation to the Association for the Study of Negro History. A donation to the Frederick Douglass home as national shrine is being favorably considered by the executive council; a special grant was under advisement by the fraternity to aid the Ethiopian Red Cross service.

Award Achievement Cups

For chapter achievement, cup awards were made as follows: The Balfour cup to Chi chapter, Nashville, and the McGhee cup to Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa.

Although Nashville weather was also unprecedented, the ice, sleet and snow making motor travel hazardous, there was a larger number in attendance at the silver convention than at any previous regular convention. Two Sunday programs, mammoth public gatherings, taxed the capacity of Fisk Memorial chapel and Tennessee State college auditorium, at which time delegates and visitors heard Dr. John Hope, president of Atlanta university, and Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee.

The social features connected with the convention were beautifully arranged affairs. These were made possible through the spirit of cooperation extended toward Alpha Phi Alpha by the authorities of Meharry Medical college, Tennessee State college and Fisk university.

THEOPHILUS M. MANN IS NEW KAPPA HEAD

1-10-36

Silver Conclave in St. Louis Ends; to Washington In 1936

ST. LOUIS.—(Special)—Theophilus M. Mann of Chicago was elected grand polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity Tuesday, December 31, at the closing session of the twenty-fifth annual conclave held at the Poro college here.

Mr. Mann was formerly senior vice grand polemarch. He succeeds Dr. J. Jerome Peters of Tuskegee institute, formerly of St. Louis.

Other officers chosen for 1936 were W. C. Madison, teacher at Wilberforce university, senior vice grand polemarch; Thomas Andrew Jr., Washington, grand vice polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of exchequer; Albert C. Spurlac , grand strategus; Ben M. Mosby, Chicago, reelected grand historian; Donald A. Spencer, Cincinnati, grand lieutenant strategus.

The conclave will be held in Washington in December, 1936.

The Laurel Wreath, a special honorary award to outstanding Kappas, was presented to B. K. Armstrong, one of the founders of the fraternity, now a teacher at Langston university.

Chicago Attorney New Head Kappa Alpha Psi

Silver Anniversary Convention In St. Louis Is Great Success—Next Meeting In Washington.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 16—The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity boasted the greatest attended Grand Chapter meeting in the history of the fraternity when some 200 or more delegates put in their presence at the Kappa Silver Anniversary here last week.

Atty. Theophilus M. Mann, of Chicago, was elected Grand Polemarch to lead the Kappas for the ensuing year. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and Asst. Solicitor of the Department of Interior. Mann succeeds Dr. J. Jerome Peters of Tuskegee Institute formerly of St. Louis.

Other officers elected were W. C. Madison, teacher at Wilberforce University, Senior Vice Grand Polemarch; Thomas Andrew Jr., Washington, Junior Vice Grand Polemarch; Atty. J. Ernest Wilkins Chicago, Grand Keeper of Exchequer; Albert C. Spurlock, University of Illinois, Grand Strategus; Donald Spencer, Cincinnati, Grand Lt. Strategus; Ben H. Mosby, Chicago, Grand Historian. Members of the Board of Directors chosen for 1936 were Elder W. Diggs, founder; John S. Young, Morehouse College; James E. Scott, Washington, D. C.; Hunnicutt, Topeka, Kansas.

Washington, D. C. was chosen for the 1936 conclave of the fraternity Gamma chapter of Washington (now in formation).

Organized two years ago, the fraternity is headed by William P. Gover, a New Yorker, who has held the office of president since its inception. Other persons holding national offices at the time of the convention were John A. Ross, Jr., first vice-president; Joseph Wright, second vice-president; Alexander M. Montgomery, Jr., treasurer; Henry Medford, corresponding secretary; David Hutchinson, financial secretary; Sumner J. Howard, recording secretary; Earl Ballard, parliamentarian.

Re-elect Gover.

The newly elected national officers are William P. Gover, re-elected president; Joseph Christian, vice-president; H. Medford, recording secretary; Walter N. Pettiford, corresponding secretary; Robert T. Peace, financial secretary; Alexander M. Montgomery, Jr., treasurer; Lloyd Heath, journalist; Earl A. Ballard, parlimentarian, and Fred Norman, organizer. The three members at large are Noble Ross, W. C. Roane and J. Alvin Ross, Jr., and the board of directors consists of Edward Wilson, Jacob Porter and Claude Allicks.

The fraternity will hold its next convention in this city in August, 1937.

Claude Hopkins and Dr. William C. Roane are president of Alpha and Beta chapters, respectively. The fraternity sponsors a National Negro Business Week each year in April.

In addition to entertaining for the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority on Monday night in West 111th street, the fraternity members enjoyed a cocktail-dancing party given by the national president, Mr. Gover, at his residence, 48 West 119th street, on last Saturday night.

Frat Conducts Night Sessions

Iota Phi Alpha Holds First National Meeting Here

Iota Phi Alpha, the brother organization to Iota Phi Lambda, met here in its first national convention at St. Jude's Chapel, 19 West Ninety-ninth street, from Monday through Wednesday, all sessions being held at night. Alpha and Beta chapters of this city were hosts, and in addition to their members there were present at the conference representatives from Kappa chapter in Newark and

LOLA PARKER HEADS IOTA PHI LAMBDA

Chicagoan Reelected by Business Women's Sorority

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Lola M. Parker of Chicago was reelected president of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority, business women's organization at its fourth annual meeting held at the Y.W.C.A. here.

Other officers are: first vice-president, Mrs. Alice Hughes, Louisville; second vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Hopkins, New York; recording secretary, Mrs. Dorothy S. Jones, New York; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta; treasurer, Mrs. Nettie Bennett, Atlanta; journalist, Mrs. Marguerite Harvey, Washington; dean of pledgees, Mrs. Mayme Copeland, Hopkinsville, Ky.; western regional directress, Miss Fuschia Miller, Chicago; southern regional directress, Mrs. O. P. Williams, Atlanta; northern regional directress, Miss Theodosia Skinner, Cleveland; eastern regional directress, Mrs. F. K. Williamson, New York.

The fifth annual convention probably will be held in Louisville, during the third week of August, 1937, with Sigma capter as hostess.

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Other persons who appeared on the program were: James A. Ross, attorney for the New York State tax commission, who spoke on "Educational Trends of Today for Negro Women in Business;" and Dr. Mary McCleod Bethune, director of the division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration, and president of Bethune-Cookman college. Responses to the speakers were made by the national president of the sorority, Mrs. Parker. Music was provided by a quintette from Daytona, Fla.; Nobel Ross, tenor; Julian Faithfull, baritone and Mrs. Victoria Augustine, soprano. Miss Olyve L. Jeter, president, president of Theta chapter, New York city, presided, and at the conclusion of the meeting presented to the assembly the national officers and convention committee members.

Delegates and Visitors

A list of delegates and visiting sorors:

Alice P. Allen, Atlanta; Ida Baskerville, Montclair, N. J.; Catherine M. Bell, Cleveland; Nettie Bennett, Atlanta; Estelle W. Biggs, Pittsburgh; Chistianna Blackman, New Yrk; Jane R. Bosfield, Washington; Maybelle Bridgeforth, New York; Ethel B. Bridges, Philadelphia; America C. Briggs, Tallahassee; Costello D. Brooks, Tallahassee; LeEtta Brown, Newark; Sarah Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dorothy Bullock, Philadelphia; Victoria Capott, Washington; Bertha Carnes,

Thelma Carter, New York; Lula P. Cohen, Cincinnati; Hildo Colbert, Atlanta; Frances Cole, E. Orange, N. J.; Sara E. Cooke, Newark; Anice Cotton, New York; Mayme Copeland, Kentucky; Helen Comer, New York; Ethel Cummings, Philadelphia; Bernice Cross, New York city; Margaret Cross, New York city; Esme V. Dear, Brooklyn; Margaret DeMind, Newark; Ruby Diggs, New York; Irma Dear, Brooklyn; Mary H. Bowling, New York city; Carolyn Dublin, Brooklyn; Marion M. Durant, New York.

Fannie N. Downey, Montclair; Blanche Elliott, Washington; Nina May Gordon, Evanston, Ill.; Beulah Gross, Brooklyn; Ida R. Fennar, New York; Roberta E. Flowers, New York; M. Hankinson, New York; Maguerite Harmon, Washington; Marguerite E. Harvey, Washington; Estelle Higgins, New York; Florence Hill, New York; Elizabeth Hodge, Indianapolis; Sadie Holley, New York; Mabel Hopkins, New York; Cappitola Horn, Washington.

Anna R. Hughes, Louisville; Sarah F. Irvin, Louisville; Louise J. Jenkins, Washington; Olla Jenkins, Washington; Olyve L. Jeter, New York; Dorothy Saunders Jones, New York; Roberta Woods Jones, New York; Philitus Walthal Joyce, New York; Elsie B. Keller, New York; Sarah Kirby, Washington; Laila Lawrence, Sarah A. Lewis, New York; Angelina V. Lynch, Brooklyn; Lola Lynn, Orange, N. J.; Winifred Moss, Pittsburgh; Fuschia Miller, Chicago; Helen A. Miller, Pittsburgh; Addye C. McClung, Atlanta; Gladys Parker, New York; Corinne Perdue, Tuskegee.

Nettie Pinchard, Dorothy R. Pruitt, New York; Essie Ramseur, Cincinnati; Ethel R. Robertson, Chicago; Heppie Ross, New York; Marie Ross, Evanston, Ill.; Rebecca Saunders, New York; Nerlene Simons, Chicago; Dorothy Sims, New York; Margaret Sims, Jacksonville, Fla.; Theodosia Skinner, Cleveland; Helen C. Smith, Eloise C. Sparks, Grace Giles Strange, New York; Minnie M. Street, Louisville; Emma W. Taylor, New York. Eva Thomas, Atlanta; Amy Thompson, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Viola Thompson, Corrine Wallace, Laura V. Walker, New York; Elizabeth M. Ward, Chicago; Clara Wells, New York; B. W. J. Whitted, Durham, N. C.; Polly E. Wilson, Tallahassee; F. K. Williamson, New York; O. P. Williams, Atlanta; Inez Winfield, New York; Elnorist Y. Yancey, New York.

The convention opened with an address of welcome by Hubert T. Delany, deputy tax commissioner and personal representative to the convention of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

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CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAMS BY THE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES AT CONCLAVES

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Greek letter organizations reported highly successful meetings in various parts of the country during the holidays. An encouraging aspect by the indication of an increase in the enrollment of Negroes in colleges and growth in activities in connection with colleges. The groups meeting represented an enrollment of more than 30,000 Negroes in colleges of the country.

The Argus carried a complete report on the record meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity here last week. Since then press reports have come in on the other meetings. They follow:

A.K. A. HAS GIVEN $18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Richmond, Va. — A highly constructive meeting was held here by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Dec. 26-31. The body will go to Louisville next.

The sorors voted to spend $1700 this year on the health clinic project which has been in operation in Lexington, Miss., each summer for the past three years. The group spent $1,000 on the venture in 1935.

On the recommendation of Alice McGee, of St. Louis, a $1,000 loan was granted for the retaining of the Gamma Sorority house at the U. of Illinois.

The contract for the pins and other jewelry was awarded to a Negro firm.

An $80 loan fund was set aside for undergraduate A. K. A. girls and the Joint Committee of Sororities and Fraternities was re-endorsed and funds voted to continue it organization in the body.

Since its organization, 27 years ago the sorority has granted $14,000 to graduate students. Miss Merze Tate, who won a recent graduate award studied for three years at U. of London where she received her B. Litt. Degree.

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The general secretary, Joseph H. B. Evans, in his annual report indicated that there was a larger number of financial men in Alpha Phi Alpha at present than at any time in its history. Examination of the treasurer's books showed that the fraternity was in a healthy financial condition, expending over $19,000 in conducting its program of education and matters if fraternity concern. The Silver Convention appropriated to the Joint Committee on National Recovery; substantial annual contributions to the NAACP, National Urban League and a 25th anniversary donation to the Association for the Study of Negro History. A donation to the Frederick Douglas Home as a national shrine is being considered by the Executive Council; a special grant was under advisement by the fraternity to aid the Ethiopian Red Cross Service.

For Chapter achievement, cup awards were made as follows: The Balfour Cup to Chi Chapter, Nashville,—and the McGhee Cup to Alpha Tau Lambda, Tulsa, Okla.

SIGMA GAMMA HEARS MITCHELL AT BOULE

Richmond, Va., —(ANP) — With more than 2,000 attending the formal ball on the closing night at the Howitzer's armory, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority ended its 10th annual conclave here with sorors from all parts of the country in attendance. One of the features of the sessions, held at the Southern Aid building, was a speech by Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell of Illinois.

Officers for the 1936 terms of the sorority are Miss Bertha M. Black, St. Louis, grand basileus; Dr. L. E. Ashburn, grand anti-basileus; Ethel Smith, Chicago, grand grammateus; Nell Watson, Chicago, grand anti-grammateus; Delight Hinton, Indianapolis, tamiochus; Rubye Peak St. Louis grand symtakis.

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THE SIGMAS START SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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From the floor of the third session, Bishop W. J. Walls moved, after an impassioned preface, the endorsement of the National Negro Congress to convene in Chicago on Feb. 14. The motion was carried unanimously. Moral and financial support to the work of the NAACP program was voted after Roy Wilkins' plea before the body.

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THE ZETA PHI BETAS MAKE APPROPRIATION

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Finer womanhood, sisterly love and scholarship were the theme topics while a project to have some of its members volunteer for teaching service in the rural sections of the South was seriously discussed as a 1936 project.

An appropriation for the furnishing of volunteer service in extension educational and social work in a rural southern community was voted during the conference.

The project was formulated by the educational, committee, headed by Mrs. Anita Anderson, of Washington. The sorority voted also, to furnish four scholarships to the following universities; Municipal College, Louisville, Ky.; Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.; Cincinnati University, and Butler University, Indianapolis.

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In North Carolina they are: Sorors Dorphenia Hall, Josephine Holt, Merrell Graves, Constance Martina, Doris Jenkins, Joanna B. Shields, Irma B. Henry, and Angella Turpeau, Greensboro; Susie Vick Perry, Jessie Burns and Sarah Avant, Raleigh; Ethel M. Wyche and Anna Brown, Rocky Mount; Mildred Phillips, Charlotte; Marjorie Bright, Marjorie Sheppard, Esther Rann of Salisbury; and Mary H. Robinson of Winston-Salem; Doris Rivero, Durham; Alice Smith and Merze Tate, Wilmington. Edith Watermain, Ophelia Parks and Inez Campbell of South Carolina State College; Elizabeth Winstead and Helen Yancey of Louisville, Ky.; Annette Williams, Lois Davis and Mattie Bedford of Dallas, Texas; Althea Simmons, Lucille Wilkins, Maxine Carter, Irma Clarke, Chicago; C. Russell Harris, Muriel Huckett, Nashville, Tenn.; Helen Finley, Bernice Ward, Rosetta Nolan, Ella V. Payne, Kansas; Elizabeth Neill, Boston.

Anna Gardner, Charleston, W. Va.; Edna M. Holland, Bluefield, W. Va.; Angie Turner, Theodora Rutherford and Marcia Canty of Institute, W. Va.

Sorors Flora Crossen, Martha Horner, Lois Holland of Indianapolis; Alice McGhee, St. Louis; Edith Jones, Pasadena, Calif.; Ida L. Jackson, Oakland, Calif; Ruth E. Jackson, Detroit; Ruth Martin and Ruth Handy, New York; Clara E. Williams and Mary Williams, Tuskegee; Edna Gray, Viola Wilson, Delphine Johnson, Maude Williams, Lillian Parrott, Mable Locks, Irma Davis, Marion Reid, Hazel Reid, Maryland:

Emma Powell, LaRue Walker, Katie Green, Inez Patterson, Gertrude Byrd, Mildred Burns, Ethel Lyle, Esther Simmons, Lucille Cuthbert, Lena B. Wood, Jewell K. Blow, Ethel Bellinger, Irene Mandexter, Roberta Roane, Blanche Anderson, Pennsylvania; Gertrude Scott, Marion Crawford, Mary E. Harding, Susie Grant, Pearl Mitchell, Clarissa Winbush, Janet Whitaker, Mamie Knight, Virginia Jones, Laura Knight, Argie DePriest, Wilberetta Pope, Sadie Samuels, Cleveland, Ohio; Ann Swanson, Bernice Reason, Harriet Wilson, Prudence Higgins, Sadie Daniels, Jessie Perkins, Marianna Beck, Barnetta Bullock, Eunice Nickens, Juanita Smackens, Lucille Orr, Ruth Lewis, Lucy Scott and Ethel Grubbs of Washington.

S. Atlantic Region Host to 18th Boule of A.K.A. Sorority

Dance at Mosque Opens Social Activities of Richmond Gathering.

FRATERNITIES SWELL ROUND OF AFFAIRS

Miss Ida L. Jackson Is Re-elected Basileus.

RICHMOND, Va.—The seventeen chapters of the South Atlantic Region entertained the eighteenth boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority here, December 27 to 30.

A large number of the delegates were housed in the dormitories of Virginia Union University on whose campus, likewise, the business meetings were held.

Program

A meeting of the directorate was held on Thursday, December 26. The program of the boule was as follows:

FRIDAY—Registration of delegates, public meeting, opening dance at the Mosque.

SATURDAY—Business session, lunch, business session, closed dance at Community Center.

SUNDAY—Breakfast as guests of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, formal tea as guests of Delver Literary Club, public meeting at Moore Street Baptist Church.

MONDAY—Guests of Interfraternal Council at Roseland Ballroom, business meeting and election of officers, closed banquet, guests of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The heavy snowfall on Sunday prevented the sight-seeing tour and the trip of the directorate to Petersburg, where its members were invited to be dinner guests at Virginia State College.

Miss Ida L. Jackson of California, was re-elected supreme basileus. Other officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Clarissa Dillard, first anti-basileus; Miss Theodora Rutherford, second anti-basileus; Mrs. Ruth A. Handy, grammateus; Miss Irene Baxter, epistoleus; Miss Letoria May, anti-grammateus; Mrs. Ethel Lyle, tamiochus; Mrs. Althea Simmons, editor of the Ivy Leaf, and regional directors as follows:

North Atlantic, Mrs. Edna O. Gray; South Atlantic, Mrs. Alpha Rogers; Southeastern, Mrs. C. Russell Harris; South Central, Miss M. Viola Butter; Central, Miss Alice McGhee; Mid-Western, Miss Helen Finley; Great Lakes, Mrs. Beulah Whitby, and Far Western, Mrs. Ursala Adams.

The sorority voted to hold its next boule in Louisville, Ky.

Opening Dance

Those attending the opening dance on Friday night included, in addition to the delegates:

Messrs and Mesdames David Beans, B T. Bradshaw, Anthony Binga, Joseph Ransome, Irving Eason, J. C. Eason Washington Owens, R. C. Scott, Reuben Clay, Floyd Hamlet, J. Harold Montague, Edwin Spaulding, Franklin Clements, St. Elmo Reid, Harold Cogbill, Jackson of Petersburg, Leo Walker, Jr.

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Misses Anita Crawford, Virginia Mason, Ethel Norris, all of Petersburg; Charlotte Thompson, Dorothy McCraw, Virgie Brown, Bernice Cumber, Marion Wilkerson, Charlotte Jackson, Pearl Nelson, Madeline Jackson, Maggie Laura Walker, Dorothy Lewis, Dorothy Hopkins, Ethel Harris, Marjorie Jackson, Elayne Gilpin, Edith Ford;

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Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Tennant; Dr. and Mrs. A. Reid, Dr. and Mrs. C. Charles Johnson, Drew Bowler, George Scott, Frederick Brown;

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In North Carolina they are: Sorors Dorphenia Hall, Josephine Holt, Merrell Graves, Constance Martina, Doris Jenkins, Joanna B. Shields, Irma B. Henry, and Angella Turpeau, Greensboro; Susie Vick Perry, Jessie Burns and Sarah Avant, Raleigh; Ethel M. Wyche and Anna Brown, Rocky Mount; Mildred Phillips, Charlotte; Marjorie Bright, Marjorie Sheppard, Esther Rann of Salisbury; and Mary H. Robinson of Winston-Salem; Doris Rivero, Durham; Alice Smith and Merze Tate, Wilmington. Edith Watermain, Ophelia Parks and Inez Campbell of South Carolina State College; Elizabeth Winstead and Helen Yancey of Louisville, Ky.; Annette Williams, Lois Davis and Mattie Bedford of Dallas, Texas; Althea Simmons, Lucille Wilkins, Maxine Carter, Irma Clarke, Chicago; C. Russell Harris, Muriel Huckett, Nashville, Tenn.; Helen Finley, Bernice Ward, Rosetta Nolan, Ella V. Payne, Kansas; Elizabeth Neill, Boston.

Anna Gardner, Charleston, W. Va.; Edna M. Holland, Bluefield, W. Va.; Angie Turner, Theodora Rutherford and Marcia Canty of Institute, W. Va.

Sorors Flora Crossen, Martha Horner, Lois Holland of Indianapolis; Alice McGhee, St. Louis; Edith Jones, Pasadena, Calif.; Ida L. Jackson, Oakland, Calif Ruth E. Jackson, Detroit; Ruth Martin and Ruth Handy, New York; Clara E. Williams and Mary Williams, Tuskegee; Edna Gray, Viola Wilson, Delphine Johnson Maude Williams, Lillian Parrott, Mable Lacks, Irma Davis, Marion Reid, Hazel Reid, Maryland;

Emma Powell, LaRue Walker, Katie Green, Inez Patterson, Gertrude Byrd, Mildred Burns, Ethel Lyle, Esther Simmons, Lucille Cuthbert, Lena B. Wood, Jewell K. Blow, Ethel Bellinger, Irene Mandexter, Roberta Roane, Blanche Anderson, Pennsylvania; Gertrude Scott, Marion Crawford, Mary E. Harding, Susie Grant, Pearl Mitchell, Clarissa Winbush, Janet Whitaker, Mamie Knight, Virginia Jones, Laura Knight, Argie DePriest, Wilberetta Pope, Sadie Samuels, Cleveland, Ohio;

Ann Swanson, Bernice Reason, Harriet Wilson, Prudence Higgins, Sadie Daniels, Jessie Perkins, Marianna Beck, Barnetta Bullock, Eunice Nickens, Juanita Smackens, Lucille Orr, Ruth Lewis, Lucy Scott and Ethel Grubbs of Washington.

S. Atlantic Region Host to 18th Boule of A.K.A. Sorority

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FRATERNITIES SWELL ROUND OF AFFAIRS

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A large number of the delegates were housed in the dormitories of Virginia Union University on whose campus, likewise, the business meetings were held.

Program

A meeting of the directorate was held on Thursday, December 26. The program of the boule was as follows:

FRIDAY—Registration of delegates, public meeting, opening dance at the Mosque.

SATURDAY—Business session, lunch, business session, closed dance at Community Center.

SUNDAY—Breakfast as guests of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, formal tea as guests of Delver Literary Club, public meeting at Moore Street Baptist Church.

MONDAY—Guests of Interfraternal Council at Roseland Ballroom, business meeting and election of officers, closed banquet, guests of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

The heavy snowfall on Sunday prevented the sight-seeing tour and the trip of the directorate to Petersburg, where its members were invited to be dinner guests at Virginia State College.

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Mrs. Clarissa Dillard, first anti-basileus; Miss Theodora Rutherford, second anti-basileus; Mrs. Ruth A. Handy, grammateus; Miss Irene Baxter, epistoleus; Miss Letoria May, anti-grammateus; Mrs. Ethel Lyle, tamiochus; Mrs. Althea Simmons, editor of the Ivy Leaf, and regional directors as follows:

North Atlantic, Mrs. Edna O. Gray; South Atlantic, Mrs. Alpha Rogers; Southeastern, Mrs. C. Russell Harris; South Central, Miss M. Viola Butter; Central, Miss Alice McGhee; Mid-Western, Miss Helen Finley; Great Lakes, Mrs. Beulah Whitby, and Far Western, Mrs. Ursala Adams.

The sorority voted to hold its next boule in Louisville, Ky.

Opening Dance

Those attending the opening dance on Friday night included, in addition to the delegates:

Messrs and Mesdames David Beans, B T. Bradshaw, Anthony Binga, Joseph Ransome, Irving Eason, J. C. Eason Washington Owens, R. C. Scott, Reuben Clay, Floyd Hamlet, J. Harold Montague, Edwin Spaulding, Franklin Clements, St. Elmo Reid, Harold Cogbill, Jackson of Petersburg, Leo Walker, Jr.

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Mesdames Mildred Pettis, Cordelia Spottswood, Mary Price, Rosebud Shivers, Ethel Walker, Evelyn Latham, Constance Conley, Trayce Pryor, of New York City, Bernetta Young, Alice Pellem, of New York, Grace Green, Kate G. Coleman;

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Annual National Convention Of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Held At 137th Street Branch Y.W.C.A.

The question of the "Survey of the Activities of the Negro Business Woman" was one of the new ideas discussed during the convention of the Iota Phi Lambda held in New York City at the Y. W. C. A. last week, August 22nd to 25th. This sorority is composed of and is chiefly interested in the Negro business woman.

The convention opened on Sunday afternoon at a formal public meeting held at the 137th street Branch of the Y. W. C. A. The speakers were the Honorable Hubert T. Delany, Tax Commissioner and personal representative to the Convention of His Honor, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia; James A. Ross, attorney for the New York State Tax Commission; and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration, and president of the Bethune-Cookman College at Daytona, Fla. Appropriate responses to the speakers were made by the national president of the Sorority, Mrs. Lola M. Parker.

Miss Olyve L. Jeter, president of the Theta Chapter, New York City, presided over the program consisting of the addresses by the above named speakers and musical selections. Nobel Ross, tenor; Julian Faithful, baritone, and Mrs. Victoria Augustine, soprano, were the artists presented.

This meeting on Sunday afternoon was open to the public but the remaining meetings were of interest vital to the delegates and members of the hostess chapters, namely, Theta, Kappa, and Omicron, whose presiding officers are respectively, Miss Elsie Keller, Mrs. Laura V. Walker, and Mrs. Heppie Ross.

Officers Eected

The new national officers elected at the meeting on Tuesday night were: Mrs. Lola M. Parker, Chicago, Ill., president; Mrs. Alice Hughes, Louisville, Ky., first vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Hopkins, New York City, second vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy S. Jones, New York City, recording secretary; Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta, Ga., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nettie Bennett, Atlanta, Ga., treasurer; Mrs. Marguerite Harvey, Washington, D. C., journalist; and Mrs. Mayme Copeland, Hopkinsville, Ky., dean of pledges. The regional directresses are. Miss Fuschia Miller, Chicago, Ill., western: Mrs. O. P. Williams, Atlanta, Ga., southern; Miss Theodosia Skinner, Cleveland, Ohio, northern and Mrs. F. K. Williamson, New York City, eastern.

Regional conferences, which will meet once per year, were instituted at this convention to relieve the pressure put upon the national convention meetings. These conferences will take place at some convenient time during the months from November to February so that the business discussed can have practical application before the annual convention.

The scholarship of $125 offered annually as the award in a nation wide contest was not awarded this year. The committee felt that the essays all written on the subject "The Negro In Business" were not representative of average High School work. The committee has arranged to hold this year's amount over until next year when the scholarships for the combined years amount to $250 will be offered. This year the scholarship committee will work on the feasibility of a comprehensive survey of the Negro Business Woman. It is thought that the organization of the Works Progress Administration could better provide the personnel. The sorority would in this way help dispel the problem of unemployment, too. Mrs. Mamie Copeland, superintendent of fifty-two schools in the Public School System of Kentucky, is chairman of the committee. Mrs. Laura V. Walker is the New York City member of this committee, which is active throughout the year.

The results of this survey and the citing of individual cases brought to light by the survey will better enable the committee to present vocational advice to the new junior college and college graduates who plan to make business their careers.

Requirements Raised

The committee has also raised the requirements for sorority membership, whereby the graduation from a recognized high school and six year's business experience have given way to graduation from junior college or senior college plus four years of actual business experience in clerical or executive capacity.

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INSTALLS NEW CHAPTER

As a fitting addition to the news of the annual convention the Alpha Delta Chapter was formally recognized by the Eastern regional director, Mrs. Florence K Williamson of New York City, in a special session ot Des Moines, Iowa, last week At the banquet ceremonies held at the Blue Triangle Y. W. C. A., in Des Moines the following officers were installed: Mrs. Susie Hart, president; Mrs. Clara Johnson, first vice-president; Miss Adeline Wilson, second vice president; Miss Evelyn Brooks, recording secretary; Mrs. Gertrude North, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Beatrice Robinson, financial secretary; Mrs. Lena S Wilson, treasurer; and Miss Dorothy Wheels, journalist.

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Mrs. T. G. Nutter Makes Main Address

History of Women's Fight For Freedom Theme of Speech

By LEM GRAVES, Jr.
Journal and Guide Staff Writer

RICHMOND, Va.—A brief and concise review of the history of the struggles of women for recognition in all walks of life, both national and international, constituted, principally, the address of Mrs. T. G. Nutter before the open meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which was held in the Moore Street Baptist Church here Sunday night. This was one of the concluding meetings in the eighteenth annual boule of that sorority, and the meeting was held in the church pastored by the Rev. Gordon B. Hancocks, instructor at Virginia Union University.

The meeting was presided over by Soror Beatrice C. Edmunds of Richmond and, in the absence of Dr. Hancock, the Rev. M. McKinley of his city delivered the invocation. One of the high spots of the series of welcome addresses that followed was that by Ben A. Ruffin, secretary of the membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce who welcomed the convention on behalf of the city. In his greeting he began by saying that the group assembled here was an educated group and that they had met in a church. That, he said, was the common ground upon which all races, all nations, and all individuals should be able to meet and settle their difficulties. That anyone who has knowledge and who interprets that knowledge in terms of reverence of a deity should be able to adjust differences and to extend a sincere and conscientious welcome, no matter what the difference of race or even of nationality, was the concluding thought.

That the best is achieved de-

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The greetings from the host chapters of the organization were made by Soror Corinne Brown of Upsilon Omega chapter here.

The other fraternities and sororities of this city greeted the boules with short speeches of welcome. Negroes in America, and gradually Nutter concluded with a talk with a tribute to the efforts of women in the fight dom of women and with the continuation of this ganizations.

The history of most of the better known women's organizations of America was delineated with distinctly feminine aspect," with a pioneer women in the vari- ous degress in the emancipation of the females from the veritable slav- ery under which they had lived for centuries.

Cites History

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The next annual meeting of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is to be held in Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27-30 of next year. The sorority will be the guest of the Lambda Chapties there during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. T. G. Nutter Makes Main Address

History of Women's Fight For Freedom Theme of Speech

By LEM GRAVES, Jr.
Journal and Guide Staff Writer

RICHMOND, Va.—A brief and concise review of the history of the struggles of women for recognition in all walks of life, both national and international, constituted, principally, the address of Mrs. T. G. Nutter before the opening meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which was held in the Moore Street Baptist Church here Sunday night. This was one of the concluding meetings in the eighteenth annual boule of that sorority, and the meeting was held in the church pastored by the Rev. Gordon B. Hancock, instructor at Virginia Union University.

The meeting was presided over by Soror Beatrice C. Edmunds of Richmond and, in the absence of Dr. Hancock, the Rev. Mr. McKinley of his city delivered the invocation. One of the high spots of the series of welcome addresses that followed was that by Ben A. Ruffin, secretary of the membership committee of the Chamber of Commerce who welcomed the convention on behalf of the city. In his greeting he began by saying that the group assembled here was an educated group and that they had met in a church. That, he said, was the common ground upon which all races, all nations, and all individuals should be able to meet and settle their difficulties. That anyone who has knowledge and who interprets that knowledge in terms of reverence of a deity should be able to adjust differences and to extend a sincere and conscientious welcome, no matter what the difference of race or even of nationality, was the concluding thought.

That the best is achieved de-

der the Soviet government in Russia and the antiquated subjugation of the females under the Nazi regime in Germany and the Fascist regime in Italy. In the latter countries, women are prohibited from exercising the privileges of citizenship and have only one function in the social setup of their native countries —that is motherhood.

She reviewed the history of the long and hard struggle of the pioneers in women's suffrage movements and other similar movements for the liberation of the women's group. These efforts in America have met with comparative success. But in other countries women still must occupy inferior positions and are not allowed their rights, was asserted by the noted soror.

"Today, these pioneers would find American women on almost equal footing with their husbands and brothers, though there are some economic inequalities as in the matter of wages and advancement to positions of trust," she stated.

Imaginary Tour

In making an imaginary tour of many other nations in order to make a comparative analysis of the conditions among females universally, Mrs. Nutter made several interesting observations. In Norway, women enjoy unusual freedom. In Sweden while they have some rights, they are slow to take advantage of them. In Greece it would seem that the changes in law are being made to favor the women.

There are tremendous reforms in the Orient. In Japan the women have taken an entirely new trend and life there is remarkably modern. In China the new constitution gives absolute equality, politically, legally, and domestically.

Russia, Italy and Germany

In Russia the change from the era of the great suppression under the Czars to the present ear of unqualified freedom is certainly a vast improvement. The speaker elaborated on the many opportunities for women under the Soviet rule.

In direct contrast to this liberality is the condition of the female group in Nazi Germany. The terrible conditions in Germany after the war undermined the social structure and removed much of the freedom of women in this country. In Germany it is contended that woman's first and foremost duty should be to get married and help husbands and sons to be stalwart soldiers of the state. This step was considerd expedient in order that the new social order might be built solidly and was accepted in most places by the women. However they maintain the right to vote.

In Italy, marriage and child birth is put at a premium and every inducement is made to encourage marriage and the bearing of children, it was brought out during the address.

The French woman of today does not possess the faintest trace of political freedom. Before the law

The greetings from the host chapters of the organization were made by Soror Corinne Brown of the Upsilon Omega chapter here.

The other fraternities and sororities and other cities of this city greeted the boules with short speeches of welcome.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was represented by Prof. John Moore of Virginia of the Union faculty. The Delta was delivered by the to Sigma Theta greeting was extended by Miss L. Johnson; Zeta

Phi Beta, Miss Audrey Bradford; Phi Beta Sigma, H. S. Crawford. A discussion of the opportunities of Negro business and the need for larger and better Negro business was the theme of the welcome of the representative of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. The Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, which convened here at the same time stressed the benefits of sisterhood and co-operation in its greeting.

Solos were rendered by Sorors Poindexter and Bogue. Soror Alpha Rogers of Petersburg, director of the South Atlantic region extended the greetings of the region.

Supreme Basileus Ida L. Jackson responded to these welcomes and praised the fine spirit of the city exhibited during their stay here. Soror Jackson introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mrs. T. G. Nutter, one of the founders of the organization, who is a N.A.A.C.P. representative in Charleston, W.Va., and three other of the founders of the organization who were present. Soror Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, conceived the idea of a sorority while a student at Howard, for the sake of companionship, and this was the first effort of that nature among Negro women. She attends the conference annually. Other founders present were Mrs. Johanna Shields and Mrs. Anne Brown.

Said Mrs. Nutter in her address on the "Trend of Women in the World Today," in which she traced the evolution of the emancipation of women through the ages, in political, economic and social phases of life. "What women have done in the past has definitely been demonstrated. What they are doing now is helping to shape and influence the lives of people regardless of sex."

Continuing she said that "Women have been bequeathed a rich heritage. We may liken it unto a piece of tapestry still unfinished; yet we get clear cut glimpses of the design to which women of the present are contributing. The long years of labor of the women of pioneer days has given the various brilliant shades. Through the years, women of later times have made the world know that this tapestry is not mere cloth and dye, but a growing organism into which other women fit and fall into the plans of the weaver—God."

The most of Mrs. Nutter's address was historical and she told of the lives of women in all countries and sections in the days some years back and the condition of women of these same countries in the present day.

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Prominent Women Speak To AKA Group

Business Sessions Feature Reports On Projects

RICHMOND—The work of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority wil go on for another year at least as a result of the business enacted dur ing the sessions set aside for that phase of the eighteenth annua boule of the oldest Negro sorority

The call for constructive pro grams on all the fraternity and so rority fronts has found the AKA i the midst of one of the most sig nificant programs ever undertaker by a group of this nature. The business sessions were presided over by the supreme basileus, Mrs Ida L. Jackson of Oakland, Calif. and were held at the Virginia Union University located here.

Outstanding among the speakers of the convention were Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, president of the Palmer Memorial Institute of Sedalia, N. C.; Miss Merze Tate, recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Foreign Fellowship, who reported on her studies at Oxford where she was the first Negro woman to matriculate; and Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, director of the sorority's Mississippi Health Project, who made her report on the work among the nearly three thousand underprivileged children in Holmes County, Miss.

"The Place of Negro Womanhood" was the subject of the address of Mrs. Brown, who has recently been directing her efforts mostly towards interpreting Negro womanhood to members of the Nordic group. Each year she speaks before large white audiences in an effort to raise the standard of the Negro woman in the eyes of the world. She emphasized in her speech the importance of making the most of one's life by giving it in service to the race.

Soror Brown, AKA member, is a pioneer in the field of Negro education and is noted because of her strenuous efforts to secure sufficient funds to establish the Palmer Memorial Institute, which according to "Who's Who in Colored America," has a property valuation of $1,000,000. This school is now in operation.

She is president of the Federation of Women's Clubs of North America, through which she has established a home for delinquent Negro girls. She is also vice-president of the National Association of College Women of America and a regular lecturer on interracial subjects at Mount Holyoke, Smith and Wellesley College. Other posts held by Mrs. Brown are: Member of the national board of the Young Women's Christian Asso., a member of the interracial committee of Federal Council of Churches, a member of the advisory board of the Southern division of the National Urban League and a member of the executive board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

She was one of seven persons honored by the State Board of Education of North Carolina in the "Hall of Fame" at the sesquicentennial in Philadelphia in 1926.

At one of the business sessions, Soror Merze Tate, recipient of the AKA foreign fellowship for the year 1934, made a report on her work at Oxford University from 1932 to 1934. Soror Tate is the first and only American woman of color to matriculate at Oxford and the man or woman to receive a higher research degree from the famed English school. Her work was done in International Relations and International Law, under the supervision of Prof. Alfred Zimmerman, professor of international relations at Oxford and advisor to the British cabinet, and J. L. Brierly, professor of international law and former World Court Commission Jurist.

Her thesis is the "Movement for Disarmament Prior to the World War." She has been signally honored with the granting of permission to do research work in the Foreign Office Archives in London and the League of Nation's Library in Geneva.

Another soror of AKA who has added renown to the organization by her singular achievements is Soror Ethel Harris Grubb, who was chosen Alpha Kappa Alpha representative on the Joint Committee on National Recovery. She was also the first recipient of the AKA Foreign Fellowship. She studied mathematics in the University of Berlin and is now head of the mathematics department for the entire high school system in Washington, D. C., white or colored. She was not present at the boule because she was in attendance at the St. Louis Conference on Mathematics, having been appointed special representative of the mathematics department of the district of Columbia.

Dr. Ferebee made an interesting and significant report on the work of the AKA health project committee and she along with Mrs. Ida Jackson, supreme basileus, who conceived the idea, are to attend a conference to be conducted in the near future by Mrs. Franklin D Roosevelt for the benefit of the development of the project and is to include a number of people interested in the project.

The project has achieved phenomenal success under the guidance of Dr. Ferebee and has done a remarkable work among the poor Negro children in Mississippi. This report was enthusiastically received and was considered one of the finest movements ever sponsored by a group of this nature. It received commendation from many people in the community where the service was rendered and was considered a great piece of work. Letters of appreciation for this work were read to the group.

Although only $1,000 was voted for the health project last year the sorority appropriated $1,700 to be used in carrying on the work of the project the next year.

In addition to this large appropriation, $1,000 was set aside to be used in the maintaining of the Gamma House project at the University of Illinois. This house is the regional house for the Central Region.

During the final session on Monday, Miss Juanita Jackson, special representative of the N.A.A.C P., appeared before the convention and requested that the convention appropriate some money to help the association's scholarship fund for Negroes who sacrifice their jobs in a series of test cases in the courts of the land to try to force open the doors of opportunity for the race through law and justice. The boule was much impressed with the appeal and voted to act upon Miss Jackson's suggestion. However the exact amount to be given was not decided.

Soror Black To Head Sorority For Next Year

Staff Correspondent

RICHMOND —On Monday, the delegates and visitors of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority concluded their tenth annual boule in the Southern Aid Building in this city with the election of officers for the next year. Soror Bertha Black, grand basileus, of St. Louis was re-elected to head the organization until its next meeting in Frankfort, Ky., in Christmas week of next year.

Other officers are: Anti-Basileus, Dr. L. E. Ashburn, Chicago; Grand Grammateus, Ethel Smith. Chicago; Anti Grand Grammateus, Nell Watson, Chicago; Grand Tamiochous and Editor-in-Chief, Delight Hinton, Indianapolis, Ind., Associate Editors-in-Chief, Grace Boyd, Lovejoy, Ill., Elenora Wallace, Richmond, Ind., Carriebell Plummer, Chicago, Ill., and Dr. L. E. Miller, Chicago, Ill., Syntaktes, Rubye Peake, St. Louis, Mo., Assistants, Northern Division, Juliette Boyken, Chicago, Ill., southern division, Elizabeth Lemon, Atlanta, Ga., Parlimentarian, Ruth Armstrong, St. Louis, Epistoleus, Alice Brown, Richmond, Va., Chairman of Board of Directors, Ernestine Steele, St. Louis, Mo., Members of Board: Martha Ann Davis, Lovejoy, Ill., Ruby Wise, Atlanta, Ga., and Ethel Garner, Frankport, Ky.

TWO SORORITY MEETINGS IN RICHMOND, VA.

Alpha Kappa Alpha and Sigma Gamma Rho Convene

RICHMOND, Va.— This city was host to the national conventions of the Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Sigma Gamma Rho sororities from Thursday, December 26 to December 30.

Miss Ida L. Jackson of Berkeley Cal., was the presiding officer of the A.K.A. boule and Miss Bertha Black of St. Louis was the Sigma Gamma Rho presiding officer.

Mrs. T. G. Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., one of the founders of the A.K.A. sorority, was the principal speaker for the A.K.A. boule. Congressman Arthur W. Mitchell was the principal at the Sigma Gamma Rho public meeting. Both meetings were held Friday, December 27.

Miss Corrine Brown is basileus of the Upsilon Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority which was host to the boule and Mrs. Thelma Woolfolk Harris, basileus of Tau chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

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DISCUSS RURAL TEACHING PROJECT

Baltimore Md

Members Would Volunteer for Service.

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Violette M. Anderson, grand basileus, presided.

Many Greetings

Aside from the closed business sessions of this group, one public meeting was held in Rankin Memorial Chapel at which time greetings were brought to the group by the following representatives of the fraternal groups:

Alpha Phi Alpha, Prof. Leo Hansberry; Delta Sigma Theta, Isadore Miles; Phi Beta Sigma, Prof. Charles Williams; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Lorella Murray; Sigma Delta Tau, Hubert Pair; Phi Delta Kappa, Marian Sparks; Inter-Fraternal Council, Grace Dodson; Omega Psi Phi, Dean Benjamin E. Mays;

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Hold Reception

At the end of this public meeting a public reception was held at the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A. where the visiting group was presented to the citizens of Washington.

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Officers Elected

Violet Anderson, attorney at law of Chicago, was re-elected grand basileus for the third term. Sadye Dunham, Dallas, Tex., was re-elected anti-basileus for a second term; Alta Turpin, Nashville, Tenn., was elected second anti-basileus, and Gladys Warrington Cincinnati, re-elected grammateus.

Other national officers elected were: Goldie Guy Martin, Chicago, for her second term as tamiouchous; Antoinette Smith, Richmond, Va., terveler; Grace Collins Washington, re-elected chairman executive board; Beatrice Catlett Washington, re-elected chairman scholarship fund committee; and Fannie Clay, Knoxville, Tenn, parliamentarian.

Honorary members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are Mrs. A. D. Cary Mme. Lillian Evanti, Mrs. J. C Napier, Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart Mrs. A. Turnbo Malone, and Mrs Casey Hayford.

Mrs. Julia West Hamilton of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Dixie Brooks of Chicago, Ill., were elected to honorary membership at this session of the boule.

Entertains Zeta Delegate

MME. LILLIAN EVANTI

noted singer, who gave a private recital and tea for delegates of the sorority attending the sixteenth annual conclave at Howard University.

Sigma Gamma Rho Group In Radio Program

Talks, Solos, Singing of Sorority Hymn Feature Broadcast

Staff Correspondence

RICHMOND—A broadcast program over station WRVA in this city was the feature of the Saturday session of the tenth annual Sigma Gamma Rho Boule held here last week. All of the 24 delegates to the convention participated in the broadcast which began at 7:30 and lasted for 15 minutes. Two speeches were made on this program. One was delivered by Miss Ruby Peake, grand organizer of the sorority and winner of the scholarship for 1933, who hails from St. Louis, Mo. She is working on her M. A. degree at Butler College and she did her undergraduate work at Howard and Storer College.

Speaking on the Sigma's constructive program Miss Peake said that "It has been said that sororities and fraternities need to give less time to social affairs and more time to business. This is true in some instances but it is in a very great measure exxagerated. Those persons who herald this idea usually see nothing but the social programs which occur each year for three days at Christmas. They fail to consider however that the year of 362 days compose the time when the constructive programs of these groups are being carried out. It is well not to be extreme in any direction. Sigma has her balance wheel in a constructive program."

"Collegiate sororities have been and are in some ways misrepresented. To a very definite mass of people a sorority portrays the ultimate goal for an ideal social life. Personal pleasure and enjoyment however, should be a part of every one's normal existence," said the speaker.

"Sigma Gamma Rho, the youngest National Collegiate Sorority, has as her balance wheel, a very definite constructive program. We feel, as others before us have felt, the dire need for youth guidance in a direction best suited to the individual capacity, needs, and environment," she continued.

"We have been endeavoring during our short existence to attain very tangible achievements. This, we feel, may be best done through 'Service.' For this reason our national slogan has been and is 'Greater Service, Greater Progress'."

First Convo

Another speech on this program was delivered by Miss Delight Hinton of Indianapolis, Ind., grand tamiochous of the organization. In her address, she reviewed some of the history of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and told about its founding in the city from which she came. The organization was founded in 1922 and though it was first incorporated as a sorority among teachers, the original constitution has been changed and new articles of incorporation drawn up. The first national convention was held in 1926 and though there were only three chapters the group felt the need for national organization and centralization of responsibility and authority.

The home of the sorority was changed from Indianapolis Normal to Butler University, where the Alpha Chapter is now located. The sorority has evolved from a teachers sorority into a general sorority requiring either the possession of a liberal art degree or qualified work towards such a degree for membership just as do the remainder of the sororities and fraternities. At the present time women in all walks of life are members of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and its membership is no longer confined to teachers.

Miss Hinton further traced the history of this organization and pointed out some of the many worthwhile achievements of the group through the comparatively short period of its existence.

During the radio program Miss Bertha M. Black, basileus of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, a well known singer of St. Louis, Mo., was heard in two selections, "Dearest Believe," and "Angels from the Realms of Glory." She was accompanied by Miss Antoinette Hamilton of Richmond. The program was closed with the singing of the sorority song, "Sigma Gamma Rho," which was composed by Mrs. Zenobia Laws Bailey, of the Delta Sigma Chapter in Chicago.

It was noted that a majority of the delegates here are from States located in the West. The West is the center of activity of the Sigmas and this is the first time it has held its Boule in Virginia.

Iota Phi Lambda Has 4th Annual Meeting

Makes no Scholarship Award—Returns Nat'l President to Chair for Another Year

The fourth annual convention of the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority was formally opened here at the Y. W. C. A., 179 West 137th street, on Sunday with a public meeting at which time Atty. Hubert T. Delany, New York City tax commissioner and personal representative of Mayor F. H. La-Guardia, gave a welcome address. Others who participated on the program included James A. Ross, attorney for the New York State Tax Commission, whose subject was "Educational trends of today for Negro women in business"; Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, director of the division of Negro affairs, National Youth Administration, and president of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona, Fla.

Responses to the speakers were made by Mrs. Lola M. Parker of Chicago, national president of the sorority. Music was provided by a quintette from Daytona, Fla., and by Nobel Ross, tenor, Julian Faithful, baritone, and Mrs. Victoria Augustine, soprano. Miss Olyve L. Jeter, president-elect of Theta chapter of the sorority, presided and at the conclusion of the meeting she presented to the assembly the national officers and convention committee members.

Official hostesses to the four-day convention were Theta and Omicron chapters of Manhattan and Kappa chapter of Brooklyn.

Makes No Award.

In all probability the sorority's fifth annual convention will be held in Louisville, Ky., with Sigma chapter as hostess, next August. No scholarship award was made, since the papers submitted in the competition lacked sufficient merit. The money will be banked and added to the award to be made next year, according to the scholarship committee, which consisted of Miss Emma S. Gilbert and Mrs. Louise Parrott Cochran.

The national officers were elected on Wednesday night at 6 o'clock, at which time Mrs. Lola M. Parker, of Chicago, was returned as president. Mrs. Alice Hughes, Louisville, is the first vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Hopkins, this city, second vice-president; Mrs. Dorothy Saunders Jones, this city, recording secretary; Mrs. Sarah A. Lewis, Atlanta, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nettie Bennett, Atlanta, treasurer; Mrs. Marguerite Harvey, Washington, journalist; Mrs. Mayme Copeland, Hopkinsville, Ky., dean of pledgees.

The regional directresses are Miss Fuschia Miller, Chicago Western; Mrs. O. P. Williams, Atlanta, Southern; Miss Theodosia Skinner, Cleveland, Northern; Mrs. F. K. Williamson, this city, Eastern.

Social Calendar.

Among the social events planned in compliment to the sorority members were a soiree at the home of Mrs. Heppie Ross, president of Omicron chapter, last Saturday night, 9 to 11:30 p.m.; cocktail party by William P. Gover, national president of Iota Phi Alpha Fraternity, 48 West 119th street, last Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock; cocktail party by New York chapters of Iota Phi Alpha Fraternity, Monday night, at the home of Fred Norman, national organizer, 213 West 111th street, and at the home of Wallace Terry, president of Alpha chaptel, 217 West 111th street, with Claude Hopkins officiating at the bar; formal reception Sunday night at the residence of Miss Carolyn Dublin, 266 Decatur street, Brooklyn; complimentary summer dance at the Renaissance Casino, 138th street and Seventh avenue, Tuesday night, to which local citizens were invited. At the dance the sorors adorned their dresses with white rose buds and fern, displaying the sorority's colors of white and green.

Delegates at Sessions.

Delegates and visiting sorors who attended the sessions at the "Y" included the following: Alice P. Allen, Atlanta, Ga.; Ida Baskerville, Montclair; Catherine M. Bell, Cleveland; Nettie Bennett, Atlanta; Estelle W. Biggs, Pittsburgh; Christianna Blackman, New York City; Jane R. Rosfield, Washington, D. C.; Maybelle Bridgeforth, New York City; Ethel B. Bridges, Philadelphia; America C. Briggs and Costello D. Brooks, Tallahassee, Fla.; LeEtta Brown, Newark; Sarah Brown, Jacksonville, Fla.; Dorothy Bullock, Philadelphia; Victoria Capott, Washington, D. C.; Bertha Carnes, Cleveland; Thelma Carter, New York City; Lula P. Cohen, Cincinnati; Hilda Colbert, Atlanta; Frances Cole; East Orange; Sara E. Cooke, Newark; Anice Cotton, New York City; Mayme Copeland, Kentucky; Helen Cromer, New York; Ethel Cummings, Philadelphia; Bernice Cross and Margaret Cross, New York City; Esme V. Dear, Brooklyn; Margaret DeMind, Newark; Ruby Diggs, New York City; Irma Doar, Brooklyn; Mary H. Dowling, New York City; Carolyn Dublin, Brooklyn; Marion M. Durant, New York City; Fannie N. Downey, Montclair; Blanche Elliott, Washington.

Also Nina-May Gordon, Evanston, Ill.; Beulah Gross, Brooklyn; Ida Ryan Fennar, Roberta E. Flowers, M. Hankinson, New York City; Marguerite Harmon, Marguerite E. Harvey, Washington; Estelle Higgins, Florence Hill, New York City; Elizabeth Hodge, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sadie Holley, Mabel Hopkins, New York City; Capitola Horn, Washington; Anna R. Hughes, Sarah F. Irvin, Louisville, Ky.; Louise J. Jenkins, Washington, D. C.; Olyve L. Jeter, Dorothy Saunders Jones, Roberta Woods Jones, Philitus Walthall Joyce, Elsie B. Keller, New York City; Sarah Kirby, Washington; Laila Lawrence, Sarah A. Lewis, New York City; Angelina V. Lynch, Brooklyn.

Also Lola Lynn, Orange, N. J.; Winifred Moss, Pittsburgh; Fuschia Miller, Chicago; Helen A. Miller, Pittsburgh; Addye C. McClung, Atlanta; Gladys Parker, New York City; Lola M. Parker, Chicago; Corinne Perdue, Tuskegee, Ala.; Nettie Pinckhard, Dorothy R. Pruitt, New York City; Essie Ramseur, Cincinnati; Ethel R. Robertson, Chicago; Heppie Ross, New York City; Marie Ross, Evanston; Rebecca Saunders, New York City; Nerlene Simons, Chicago; Dorothy Sims, New York City; Margaret Sims, Jacksonville, Fla., Theodosia Skinner, Cleveland; Helen C. Smith, Eloise C. Sparks, Grace Giles Strange, New York City; Minnie M. Street, Louisville; Emma W. Taylor, New York City; Eva Thomas, Atlanta; Amy Thompson, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Viola Thompson, Corrine Wallace, Laura V. Walker, New York City; Elizabeth M. Ward, Chicago; Clara Wells, New York City; B. W. J. Whitted, Durham, N. C.; Polly E. Wilson, Tallahassee, Fla.; F. K. Williamson, New York City; O. P. Williams, Atlanta; Inez Winfield, Elnorist Y. Yancey, New York City.

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ZETA WOMEN END CONCLAVE AT HOWARD U.

Sorority Holds Fifteenth Annual Boule in Washington

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